

# Trump Designates Donors With Personal Business Connections As Transition Team Leadership

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- **Politico: “Lutnick, A Billionaire, Is A Major Donor And Fundraiser For Trump. The CEO Is Fresh Off Of Hosting A Fundraiser At His Hamptons Home For Trump Where He Raised Millions.”** “Lutnick, a billionaire, is a major donor and fundraiser for Trump. The CEO is fresh off of hosting a fundraiser at his Hamptons home for Trump where he raised millions for the GOP presidential nominee.” [Politico, [8/16/24](#)]

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inked a deal with the video platform Rumble, which will provide video and streaming for Trump's new social media network. The Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG) announced in a statement on Tuesday that it has entered into a 'wide-ranging technology and cloud services agreement' with Rumble Inc." [The Hill, [12/14/21](#)]

### **In 2023, Rumble Was Granted The Exclusive Livestream Of The Second Republican Primary Debate.**

"The second Republican presidential debate will be broadcast Wednesday on Fox Business Network and Univision, but the exclusive online livestream will take place on Rumble, an alternative video-sharing platform that has been criticized for allowing—and at times promoting—far-right extremism, bigotry, election disinformation and conspiracy theories." [AP News, [9/25/23](#)]

### **Trump's Running Mate, Vice Presidential Candidate J. D. Vance Was A Major Investor In Rumble.**

**In May 2021, It Was Reported That Then-Venture Capitalist J.D. Vance Was Investing In Rumble With "Narya Capital, A Venture Capital Fund That Vance And Colin Greenspon Co-Founded," Leading The Investment.** "Former President Trump's media company has inked a deal with the video platform Rumble [...] The platform has become popular among Republicans. The Wall Street Journal revealed in May that conservative venture capitalists Peter Thiel and J.D. Vance, who is also running for Senate in Ohio, were investing in the company. Narya Capital, a venture capital fund that Vance and Colin Greenspon co-founded, led the investment along with Thiel, according to the Journal. Colt Ventures, the family office of former Trump adviser Darren Blanton, also reportedly invested in the platform." [The Hill, [12/14/21](#)]

- **Former President Donald Trump Selected Senator J. D. Vance To Be His Running Mate In The 2024 Election.** "MILWAUKEE (AP) — Former President Donald Trump chose Sen. JD Vance of Ohio as his running mate on Monday, picking a onetime critic who became a loyal ally and is now the first millennial to join a major-party ticket at a time of deep concern about the advanced age of America's political leaders." [AP News, [7/15/24](#)]

### **Lutnick Hosted Fundraising Dinners At His Home For Trump In 2019 And In 2024.**

**On August 2, 2024, Lutick Hosted A Fundraising Dinner At His Home For Trump.** "The Aug. 2 dinner at the Bridgehampton, N.Y., home of Howard Lutnick, the Cantor Fitzgerald chief executive, was a high-powered affair. Among the roughly 130 people who dined under an air-conditioned tent were some of Donald Trump's wealthiest supporters, including the billionaire hedge-fund financier Bill Ackman, who sat next to the former president, and Omeed Malik, the president of another fund, 1789 Capital. [...] The fund-raiser came amid a stretch of flailing and self-harm that began after President Biden's July 21 withdrawal from the race and endorsement of Ms. Harris to succeed him." [The New York Times, [8/10/24](#)]

**In May 2019, Lutnick Hosted A Fundraising Dinner At His Home For Then-President Trump.** "Donald Trump raised more than \$5 million in New York City on Thursday evening, as the president accelerates his fundraising efforts with his 2020 re-election campaign ramping up. The president banked between \$5 million and \$5.5 million at the dinner event at the triplex penthouse of Cantor Fitzgerald LP Chief Executive Officer Howard Lutnick, a campaign aide told Bloomberg News. On Tuesday, Trump's campaign took in about \$4 million at the New Orleans home of First Bank and Trust chairman Joe Canizaro." [Bloomberg, [5/17/19](#)]

### **Co-Chair Of The Trump Transition Team Linda McMahon Has Worked With Trump And His Estates As Well As Donated To His Foundation.**

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- **McMahon Has “Given About \$16 Million To Trump’s Political Action Committees During His Campaigns.”** “McMahon served as the head of the Small Business Association during Trump’s presidency. She’s given about \$16 million to Trump’s political action committees during his campaigns, per Forbes.” [Axios, [8/16/24](#)]

**McMahon, Who Was A Top Executive Of World Wrestling Entertainment, Donated To Trump’s Foundation, Paid For His Appearance On WrestleMania In 2007, And Hosted Events At Trump Plaza In 1988 And 1989.**

**Vince And Linda McMahon, “Top Executives At World Wrestling Entertainment,” Donated \$5 Million To Trump’s Foundation And Their Company Paid For His Appearance On WrestleMania In 2007.** “The biggest donors to his foundation in recent years have been other people, most notably Vince and Linda McMahon, top executives at World Wrestling Entertainment. They donated \$5 million after Trump made a cameo on “Wrestlemania” in 2007, according to a spokesman for WWE. The spokesman said Trump was paid separately for the appearance. Linda McMahon has since left WWE and is now active in politics. She and her husband both declined to comment about the donation.” [The Washington Post, [4/10/16](#)]

**WWE Hosted Wrestlemania At “Trump Plaza In Atlantic City In 1988 And 1989.”** “Certainly, the McMahon family has deep ties to Trump. WWE hosted WrestleMania in Trump Plaza in Atlantic City in 1988 and 1989. In 2007 Donald Trump climbed into the ring with Vince McMahon for a proxy fight named ‘Battle of the Billionaires.’ Each tycoon was represented by a different WWE gladiator, and the winner of the fight got to cut off his opponent’s hair. Trump won, shaved McMahon’s head and was later inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame.” [Forbes, [4/20/17](#)]

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**Donald Trump Jr. Is “An Executive Vice President At The Trump Organization.”** “Donald J. Trump Jr. is an innovator and leader in today’s business world. As an Executive Vice President at The Trump Organization, Donald Jr. works to expand the company’s real estate, retail, commercial, hotel and golf interests. His extensive real estate development experience, rigorous education and inherent business sense add a level of detail and depth to the management of all current and future Trump projects.” [The Trump Organization, accessed [8/26/24](#)]

**Donald Trump Jr. Appeared On 74 Episodes Of *The Apprentice* As Himself, A Boardroom Advisor.**

	Robin Himmler	...	Self	71 episodes, 2004-2006
	Donald Trump Jr.	...	Self - Boardroom Advisor / ...	74 episodes, 2005-2015
	Amanda Miller	...	Self - Boardroom Receptionist	70 episodes, 2010-2015
	Carolyn Kepcher	...	Self - Boardroom Advisor	68 episodes, 2004-2006

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**“Eric Trump Is The Executive Vice President Of The Trump Organization And Oversees All Aspects Of Management And Operation Of The Global Real Estate Empire”** “Eric Trump is the Executive Vice President of the Trump Organization and oversees all aspects of management and operation of the global real estate empire, including new project acquisition, development and construction. Headquartered out of Jupiter, Florida, he is intimately involved in the success and growth of the Trump Organization - from the finest residential properties, to luxury hotels, iconic golf courses, magnificent office and retail locations to wineries, entertainment venues and brokerage firms. Eric actively spearheads the rapid growth of Trump Golf, bringing the portfolio from three properties in 2006, to nineteen today.” [The Trump Organization, accessed [8/26/24](#)]

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	Joan Rivers	...	Self - Comedienne / ...	23 episodes, 2009-2015	⌵
	Kendra Todd	...	Self / ...	19 episodes, 2005-2007	⌵

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