

Knight Foundation Taps News Media Trailblazer Maribel Perez Wadsworth as New President and CEO



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Dear Stephen,

Knight Foundation is excited to share that Maribel Perez Wadsworth has been selected as its next President and CEO, succeeding longtime leader Alberto Ibargüen, who on March 24, 2023 announced his decision to retire from the foundation. You can read the media release [here](#), and articles in [The Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) and the [Miami Herald](#).

Wadsworth brings nearly 30 years of journalism and executive leadership experience to the role and most notably is the former president of Gannett Media and Publisher of USA Today. She is the seventh president in Knight's history and the first woman to take the helm. She will officially start in January 2024.



"Throughout my career as a journalist and executive, I have sought to make a difference in people's lives. No organization embodies that ideal more closely than the Knight Foundation," she said. "I'm proud to follow in the footsteps of Alberto Ibargüen, a visionary leader, with a multitude of accomplishments over the past two decades. It is an honor to build on his considerable legacy."

Knight Foundation was established by John S. and James L. Knight, brothers who led one of America's largest and most successful 20th-century newspaper companies. It was their belief that a well-informed community could best "determine its own true interests" and they entrusted future generations of trustees to do just that.

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