

Stephen Spinelli, Jr. is the Chancellor of Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) appointed at the merger of Philadelphia University and Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Spinelli became president of Philadelphia University on September 1, 2007. He has many years of leadership experience in academia, business and philanthropy. Under his leadership, Philadelphia University has become the model for professional university education. As part of the University's bold Strategic Plan, Dr. Spinelli led the way in formalizing the University's signature approach to education, Nexus Learning. It is transdisciplinary, active, and real-world learning that is infused with the liberal arts. In 2010, Philadelphia University created the award-winning Kanbar College of Design, Engineering and Commerce to teach innovation and collaboration in the design, engineering, and business majors. Dr. Spinelli has also led the University's most successful capital campaign in its history.

Dr. Spinelli currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Berwind Corporation and the Chairman of the Board of Planet Fitness. His latest book, *Disrupt Together: How Teams Consistently Innovate*, details highly effective team-based approaches to achieving innovation in business, education and other industries in disruption.

Before coming to Philadelphia University, Dr. Spinelli held a variety of leadership positions at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, including vice provost for entrepreneurship and global management, chair of the entrepreneurship division, and director of the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship. He was responsible for expanding the Symposium for Entrepreneurship Educators, founded by Jeffrey Timmons, to an international program.

Dr. Spinelli's work has appeared in journals such as *The Journal of the Society for College and University Planning*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *the British Management Journal*, and *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship*. He has also been featured in prominent publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *The Boston Globe* and *Entrepreneur*. He has authored numerous business cases and co-authored *Business Plans That Work*, *Franchising: Pathway to Wealth Creation*, *How to Raise Capital*, *Never Bet the Farm*, and *Entrepreneurship: The Engine of Growth* and *New Venture Creation for the 21st Century*, now in its ninth edition.

Previously, Dr. Spinelli was co-founder of Jiffy Lube International and Chairman and CEO of the American Oil Change Corporation, helping to pioneer the quick lube industry nationwide and turning Jiffy Lube into the nation's dominant competitor with more than 1,000 service centers.

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