



Rock The Street, Wall Street

Moving Girls Forward in the Field of Finance

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## **ROCK THE STREET, WALL STREET WELCOMES FORMER PRESIDENT, CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF OPPENHEIMER FUNDS TO ITS BOARD**

NASHVILLE, July 30, 2019 - Arthur Steinmetz, former Chairman, President and CEO of Oppenheimer Funds, has joined the board of [Rock The Street, Wall Street](#), a Nashville-based nonprofit organization. Rock The Street, Wall Street is a financial literacy program designed to spark the interest of high school girls into careers of finance.

“Diversity continues to be a challenge on Wall Street, particularly at the senior level,” said Steinmetz. “Rock The Street, Wall Street plays an important role in helping encourage women to enter the field of financial services. By expanding the pipeline of young women entering the profession, they are laying the groundwork for more women in leadership roles in the future.”

Steinmetz has worked in the financial services industry for nearly four decades. After a brief stint at PaineWebber (now UBS), he spent the next 30+ years at Oppenheimer Funds, working his way up from analyst to portfolio manager to Chief Investment Officer. Steinmetz was named President in 2013, CEO in 2014, and, Chairman in 2015, overseeing \$250 billion under management.

Steinmetz is the sixth board member to join the rapidly growing organization this year. In early January 2019, Rock The Street, Wall Street appointed three other board members: Judy Ricketts, Managing Director and Head of Investor Services at TD Ameritrade; Christine Ritchie, CFA, CFP, Director of Compliance at CarVal Investors; and Jennifer Knight, Senior Investment Analyst at HCA Healthcare. In February, the organization appointed Anders Hall, CFA, Vice Chancellor for Investments and Chief Investment Officer at Vanderbilt University, to its board. Most recently, the organization added Viraj Parikh, CFO and strategic finance consultant, to its advisory board.

Steinmetz is passionate about advancing financial and mathematical literacy, which he believes are essential elements of the next generation’s success. He is a current trustee and former chair of the Board of the National Museum of Mathematics (“MoMath”). In 2015, he was named “Man of the Year” by The YWCA of New York City (an organization dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women). He was also given the “Corporate Trailblazer” award by Black Women of Influence in 2017 for his efforts in promoting STEM education among girls and minorities. Steinmetz was a David Rockefeller Fellow at the Partnership for New York City and later became a partner. He is a member of the Economic Club of New York.

Steinmetz served in the United States Air Force. He holds an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia Business School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Denison University with a B.A. in Russian language and Slavic Studies.

**About Rock The Street, Wall Street**

Rock The Street, Wall Street is a financial literacy program designed to spark the interest of high school girls into careers of finance. Girls learn about positive money management habits and the capital markets, while simultaneously helping them see the real-world application of the math content they learn in the classroom. RTSWS programs are funded by sponsors; volunteers are female financial professionals who go into local high schools to teach the M in STEM, and serve as real-life role models and mentors for girls. Headquartered in Nashville, TN, RTSWS programs are in 30 high schools across 17 U.S. cities in 2019-2020. RTSWS is a 501(c)(3) organization.