Steve Pemberton
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Steve Pemberton is Vice-President, Diversity and Inclusion and Global Chief Diversity Officer for Walgreens Boots Alliance, the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing enterprise in the world, employing 370,000 people in 25 countries.

Recognized as one of America’s most inspiring executives, Steve brings a deep personal understanding of human differences and the human experience to his position. Steve was a ward of the state for much of his childhood, an experience he chronicled in his 2012 best-selling memoir, *A Chance in the World* (Harper Collins). His extraordinary life journey, featured in People Magazine, has been translated into multiple languages and continues to inspire audiences across the world; the movie adaption of his life is currently underway. Steve’s tireless advocacy for the disenfranchised has earned him national recognition including The Trumpet Foundation and the Steve & Margery Harvey Helping Hand Award. His dedication to public service and personal and professional achievement have also earned him Honorary Doctorates from Winston-Salem State University (2014) and Boston College (2015). In 2015, Steve was awarded the prestigious Horizon Award by the United States Congress, presented to individuals from the private sector who have contributed to expanding opportunities for all Americans through their own personal contributions, and who have set exceptional examples for young people through their successes in life.

A graduate of Boston College, he is a Bostonian by birth and a Chicagoan by choice. Steve resides on several non-profit boards including UCAN, Bernie’s Book Bank and The United States Business Leadership Network. He and his wife Tonya are the proud parents of three children.