



Michael A.L. Balboni '81, JD

Michael A.L. Balboni '81, JD, was appointed in June 2026 as the 11th president of Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. He is the first Adelphi alumnus—and the first Long Island native—in the University's history to serve as president.

Balboni is a nationally recognized leader in homeland security, public safety and organizational strategy, with more than three decades of experience spanning government, healthcare policy, crisis management and the private sector. He also has extensive board leadership experience in the corporate and nonprofit sectors.

A member of Adelphi's Class of 1981, Balboni has a lifelong relationship with the institution. Having grown up in Garden City, he is one of six Adelphi alumni in his family. For several years, he taught courses as an adjunct professor in the political science department. He then served on the Adelphi University Board of Trustees from 2018 to 2025 and was elected as chair during his final year. His long-standing engagement with the University reflects his deep commitment to its mission and future.

Balboni's vision for Adelphi emphasizes excellence in academics and student life, expanded partnerships and experiential learning opportunities, and operational strength in a rapidly evolving higher education landscape.

Prior to his appointment, Balboni successfully ran his own consulting firm, RedLand Strategies Inc., advising clients on government relations, cybersecurity and crisis communications for 15 years. He also served as executive director of the Greater New York Health Care Facilities Association, where he advanced regulatory and policy advocacy for long-term care providers across the metropolitan region. Among his other board leadership positions, he served as chair of the Cyber and Physical Security Committee of the New York Power Authority's Board of Directors.

In his 19 years as a government official, Balboni served as deputy secretary for public safety and homeland security advisor to the governor of New York, overseeing statewide public safety agencies and directing the state's homeland security strategy. Earlier, he was elected to the New York State Senate and the State Assembly, where he helped shape landmark post-9/11 homeland security legislation. He began his public sector career as counsel to the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee.

Balboni holds a Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in biology from Adelphi University, from which he graduated cum laude.

He lives in East Williston, New York, with his wife, Stephanie. They have four grown children.