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During his time at West Point, the academy was recognized as the nation’s No. 1 public college by U.S. News and World Report and Forbes magazine. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, Caslen developed an integration between Army applied problem sets and West Point research and intellectual capital.

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As the 29th President of the University of South Carolina, Caslen lead with a vision to establish the university as the preeminent flagship university in the nation. Under his leadership, the University delivered on its mission to transform the lives of the people of South Carolina through empowering education, innovative research, creative engagement, impactful economic development, and selfless service within an inclusive and diverse environment.

Caslen grew up in Vermont, where he worked in his family’s ski lodge business and was on the high school ski and football teams. From there, he was recruited to play football at West Point. Along with his bachelor’s degree from West Point, Caslen holds an MBA in finance from Long Island University, and a master’s in industrial engineering from Kansas State University.

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