



Eric G. Johnson is Chairman of Baldwin Richardson Foods Company, one of the largest African-American-owned businesses in the food industry. Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, IL, with manufacturing facilities in Macedon and Williamson, New York.

In 1989, Johnson, following in his father's footsteps, became chief executive officer of Johnson Products Company, the nation's first African-American owned publicly-traded company. Having turned around the company's performance in 1991, it was the seventh best performing stock on the American Stock Exchange and earned the American Management Association's "Turn Around" award.

A business entrepreneur, in 1992 he purchased Baldwin Ice Cream Co., a small company established in Chicago in 1921. Johnson expanded the distribution and sales of the company, and in 1997, completed the acquisition of Richardson Foods from the Quaker Oats Company. The company produced Nance's mustard and condiments, Mrs. Richardson's famous dessert toppings, and liquid products for McDonald's.

Baldwin Richardson Foods is a major producer of products and ingredients for McDonald's Corporation, Kellogg, General Mills, Dunkin Brands, Starbucks, and Frito-Lay Quaker Oats. The company also has retail brands and food service products that it distributes nationally.

Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts and Science degrees in Finance and Management from Babson College. In 1971, as the student representative to the management department, he worked with Professor John Hornaday on the evolution of the entrepreneurial studies program and curriculum.

He has served three terms as a Trustee of the College. Each year a four year, full tuition, scholarship is awarded for the Baldwin Richardson Foods Scholars Program. The company has a sister program at Spelman College in Atlanta for women in food science.

He serves as a Chairman of the Board of Directors at Baldwin Richardson Foods Company.

He's also:

- Member of the Board of Directors - Lincoln National Corporation and is chairman of its Finance Committee.
- Member of the Board of Trustees and Vice Chairman, Babson College
- Member of the Board of Trustees - Pérez Art Miami Museum
- Chairman of the Foundation Board - The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
- Vice Chairman, The Greater Rochester New York Chamber of Commerce.
- Consultant and advisor to The HistoryMakers the world's largest repository of African American Oral Histories housed in The Smithsonian and The Library of Congress.