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College Parents of America is a national membership organization providing advocacy on behalf of and resources for current and future college parents. Boyle was named president of this independent, non-profit group in July 2003. Prior to this role, Boyle served for two years as vice president of brand marketing and corporate communications for Sallie Mae. Previously, Boyle worked for 16 years in the media industry, including a decade as a marketing and PR executive for Discovery Communications. Boyle began his career on Capitol Hill, where he was press secretary to two House members, Don Clausen of California and Frank Wolf of Virginia. A native of Detroit, Boyle is a graduate of Northwestern University, which he attended as a first-generation college student thanks to a combination of Pell Grants, institution-based aid, a National Merit Scholarship, work-study and federal student loans. He is married to Kellie Boyle and they are the parents of two future college students, Griffin and Tucker.