

DONNA VASSALLO

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Donna Vassallo is the Principal/Owner of Inclusive Outliers, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in leadership development and high education partnerships devote to championing diversity, equity and inclusion.

Most recently, Ms. Vassallo was previously the Dean of Professional Studies, High School Initiatives and Internships at Atlantic Cape Community College. In this role, Ms. Vassallo was responsible for all divisions represented under Professional Studies (Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Hospitality Management and Paralegal Studies), High School and Early College Partnerships and College Internships, and was the College's Chief Perkins Officer, responsible for managing Carl D. Perkins grant allocations for the College's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs that ranged from \$490,000-\$749,000 per year.

Previously, Ms. Vassallo was Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development and Dean, Worthington Atlantic City Campus. Ms. Vassallo assumed dual duties as Atlantic Cape's Chief Workforce Development Officer and Chief Operating Officer for the College's Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

Ms. Vassallo joined Atlantic Cape in 1989 as an adjunct faculty member in the Hospitality Management and Business Administration divisions and, during her academic career, assumed numerous promotional positions as an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Professional Studies.

Ms. Vassallo previously owned and operated Donna Vassallo Associates, LLC, a human resources consulting firm established in 1999, specializing in employee/organizational training and development.

Ms. Vassallo was previously employed as a Corporate Human Resources Manager for Spencer's (formerly known as Spencer Gifts), based out of the company's home office in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. During her two-year tenure, Ms. Vassallo assisted in developing and facilitating training seminars, service standards and competencies within the company's 700+ retail stores in 49 states, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Ms. Vassallo was also employed for nine years at the Claridge Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. She joined the company in 1988 as a Training Instructor and assumed numerous promotional positions within Human Resources, ending her tenure as Director of Human Resources/Recruitment and Staffing.

In 2011, Ms. Vassallo was accepted into, and successfully completed, the Mid-Career Fellowship Program at Princeton University.

Ms. Vassallo resides with her husband, John Schlaner, CEC, AAC in Cape Coral, FL