Access to Experts

Donna B. McNamara, Ph.D. , Senior Fellow, Human Capital , The Conference Board

Donna McNamara is a Senior Fellow, Human Capital at The Conference Board. In this role, Donna supports the Human Capital Practice which includes***The Conference Board Human Capital Exchange*™**, research, conferences, webcasts and programs in a broad spectrum of human capital areas.

In addition to serving as a Senior Fellow, Donna McNamara consults with organizations to help them achieve improved results through learning, leadership and organization development. Formerly the vice president of global education and training for Colgate-Palmolive Company, she developed and implemented Colgate's world-wide learning strategy, designed the company's business goal alignment process, and built leadership capability in accelerating effective change.

Prior to Colgate, she was an executive with AT&T in human resources, education, and strategic planning. Donna is a past national president of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD), a recipient of the Gordon M. Bliss Award for distinguished contribution, a former member of the Society's Board of Directors and Board of Governors, and past Chairperson of ASTD's Editorial Advisory Board.

She is a member of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame and for many years served on the National Nuclear Training Accreditation Board for INPO (Institute of Nuclear Power Operations). Currently, Donna is a Senior Fellow, Human Capital, with The Conference Board, a Senior Consultant with the National Executive Service Corps, and an Advisory Board Member for the Chief Learning Officer graduate program at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Trustee at the College of St. Elizabeth and a Board Member with Cornerstone Family Programs.

Donna received her doctorate in education and human resources from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Contact Carol Courter, Manager, Corporate Communications, +1 212 339 0232, courter@conferenceboard.org

The Conference Board is a global, independent business membership and research association working in the public interest. Our mission is unique: to provide the world's leading organizations with the practical knowledge they need to improve their performance and better serve society. The Conference Board is a non-advocacy, not-for-profit entity holding 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status in the United States of America.