

christine m. riordan, ph.d.

LEADERSHIP AUTHOR. SPEAKER. CONSULTANT.



Christine M. Riordan, Ph.D., an internationally recognized expert in leadership development, career success, and diversity and inclusion, is currently President of Adelphi University, New York – the first woman president in its 123-year history. Adelphi University serves more than 8,000 students across four locations and has more than 2,000 faculty and staff, a \$250 million operating budget, a \$189 million endowment and more than 115,000 alumni world-wide. *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* named Dr. Riordan, one of its “25 Top Women in Higher Education Who Are Making a Difference.”

Under Dr. Riordan’s leadership, Adelphi University has grown by more than 12%, increased academic quality, and raised its reputation and rankings. Adelphi rose in the Top 150 national rankings of *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges and Universities*, rose 27 spots in the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* ranking, rose 52 spots in the *Money* “Best Colleges for your Money” ranking and 37 spots in Niche, while maintaining its position on *Forbes* selective “America’s Top College” list.

Dr. Riordan has published more than 60 academic and business press articles, is authoring, *Shift Happens: How to Adapt and Thrive in a Rapidly Changing World of Work*, a book on helping employees adapt to the changing workplace, and is a frequent speaker on leadership and career success. Dr. Riordan’s TEDx talk, “Dare to Be Extraordinary,” has received more than 20,000 views. She has been interviewed by and written articles for media such as *The Financial Times*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Forbes*, and *Huffington Post*. Her work has been cited more than 5,400 times by other authors, and she has appeared in the press more than 160 times.

Before joining the Adelphi community, Dr. Riordan served as provost of the University of Kentucky, with more than 30,000 students, 19,000 full- and part-time employees, and a budget of \$3 billion. She also served as Dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, a *U.S. News & World Report Best Business School*.

Dr. Riordan received an MBA and a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Georgia State University. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Textile Engineering (now called Materials Science Engineering) from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dr. Riordan serves on the board of directors of RE/MAX Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: RMAX). She was named one of Georgia State University’s 2019 Distinguished Alumni. She is a National Association of Corporate Directors Board Leadership Fellow and is currently Vice-Chair for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York. In 2018, she was appointed co-chair of the Long Island Association’s Women’s Collaborative.

Dr. Riordan is married to Robert D. Gatewood, Ph.D., author of *Human Resource Selection* (9th ed.) and professor emeritus at the University of Georgia. They have two children in college, and an Olde English Bulldogge named Georgia, who is the queen of the household. Dr. Riordan enjoys biking and reading, and she has perfected the art of smoothie-making.

Connect with Dr. Riordan on LinkedIn and Twitter @Chris_M_Riordan. And connect with Georgia the bulldog on Instagram @georgiariordan.