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JACKY AKBARI

Jacky Akbari is a nationally recognized leader with a track record of achievement in strategy consulting. Recognized for her expertise and influence, Jacky develops and executes mission critical strategy impacting transformational growth for leading organizations, including top tier universities, innovative business start-ups and Fortune 500 companies.

With a focus on business attraction, relocation and expansion, Jacky leads collaborative impact initiatives. She is a workforce economic development thought leader, speaker and trusted advisor to c-suite executives, elected officials, nonprofit and academic leaders. Her expertise relative to inclusive workforce impact is widely respected.

Worthington Advisory

As Founder and Managing Principal of Worthington Advisory, she provides vision at the business consulting firm. Her role includes strategy consultation, strategic planning facilitator, government affairs lead. Prior to launching Worthington Advisory, Jacky held senior positions in government relations, workforce economic development, human capital consulting and national sales and marketing teams. An experienced economic development strategist, she developed and executed key stakeholder partnership strategy for business expansion and relocation projects with Dell, Mars Petcare, AT&T, Nissan North America, UBS, Alliance Bernstein, Amazon, Oracle, Microsoft, Asurion, Vanderbilt University, and many others. As a senior level manager at Xerox, she trained over 5,000 sales people in consultative sales skills.

Corporate Board of Directors

Jacky serves on the board of HCA Tri-Star Centennial Hospital, the flagship healthcare facility for the hospital leader. She previously served on the board for Citizen's Savings Bank and Trust in Nashville.

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She has been recognized by state, local, and national organizations for personal and professional leadership including:

- Nashville Post: Most Powerful Woman
- The Nashville Chamber of Commerce: Impact Award
- Tennessee State University: Hall of Fame, Women of Legend and Merit
- Nashville Lifestyles: Women in Business Award
- Nashville Business Journal: Woman of Influence
- Biz Journal: Power 100
- The Management Magazine: The Boss Profile
- 2020 Academy of Women of Achievement
- 2020-2021 Leadership Tennessee
- International Women's Forum
- Leadership Nashville, Selection Committee, Diversity Day Co-Chair
- Board of Directors: HCA TriStar Centennial Hospital

Education

A graduate of The Ohio State University, she holds a certificate in workforce diversity from UCLA Executive Extension.

Community Board Leadership

She is an active member of the Downtown Nashville Rotary club. A past co-chair of the Rotary Program Committee and Rotaract, she was elected to the Nashville Rotary Board. Jacky is an established influential voice, through active community engagement serving on multiple boards. Past and present affiliations include:

Maddox Charitable Foundation board, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Leadership Middle Tennessee, and chair of the Frist Foundation Salute to Excellence award panel. Founder of the National Organization for Workforce Diversity, she launched the national Diversity America business tour, and experiential learning mobile seminar for executives.