

Julie Cafley

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Julie Cafley is a frequent speaker and commentator on issues relating to higher education leadership and governance.

Biography

Julie Cafley is Senior Vice-President of Policy and Partnerships at the Public Policy Forum. She holds a PhD in educational leadership. Her thesis focussed on the unfinished mandates of university presidents in Canada.

Julie leads the partnership strategy for the Public Policy Forum and manages projects in the areas of public sector governance and innovation, with a particular focus on education and indigenous relations.

Previously, as the senior staff member to two presidents of the University of Ottawa, Julie Cafley played a key role in enhancing the profile and visibility of the University. As Chief of Staff in the Office of the President at the University of Ottawa, Julie worked closely with the President to develop and implement strategic initiatives. Julie led the student recruitment and liaison office before her time in the President's office.

In 2012, Julie was chosen as one of the delegates for the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. And, in 2010, she was honoured as one of the Ottawa Business Journal's top 40 under forty for her business achievement, expertise, and community involvement.

Julie is passionate about the advancement of women in the workplace and has championed initiatives such as the University's Women and Leadership Series. She sits on the Advisory Board of Informed Opinions and was the inspiration behind the Cafley Committee website, a website designed to encourage the nomination of female leaders for external prizes and recognition.

Deeply committed to the well-being of the community around her, she played a key role in implementing Ottawa's first-ever Project Homeless Connect, a special one-day event that assists the homeless on the road to permanent housing and self-sufficiency and for 20 years, she organized an annual holiday stocking drive for children and families in need. Julie has served on the boards of her sons' school in Chelsea, QC and is an active Board member with the Parkinson's Canada.

Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Education/Learning, Women

Areas of Expertise

Governance and Public Policy, Higher Education Administration, Women & Leadership, Community Development, Innovation, Aboriginal Justice, Community Outreach, Program Development, Program Evaluation, Volunteer Management

Affiliations

Parkinson Society Canada : Board member Chair of the membership Committee, Essential Skills Ontario : Board member, Informed Opinions : Advisory Board, Famous Five Ottawa Committee : Advisory Board, Canadian Council for the Advancement in Education : Member, Council for the Advancement and Support in Education : Member, Women's Executive Network and Women's Business Network : Member, Regroupement des gens d'affaires francophones : Member, Ontario College of Teachers : Member, Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education : Member

Education

University of Ottawa

Ph.D. Educational leadership

University of Ottawa

M.Ed. Educational Administration

University of Ottawa

B.Ed. Education

University of Ottawa

B.A. Second Language Teaching

Accomplishments

Top 40 Under Forty

Selected by the Ottawa Business Journal

Gold Medal, Best Educational Fundraising campaign

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

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