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As president of Gallagher Consulting Group, Annie has worked with clients in more than 39 industries to advance missions and achieve profit goals. With more than two decades of expertise, she specializes in working with senior leadership and boards of directors on strategy, research, market positioning, and organizational development. She also works with within organizations to enhance performance and productivity.

Organizations such as American Electric Power, Cardinal Health, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Longwood Gardens, Nationwide Insurance, The Ohio State University, and PriceWaterhouseCoopers engage Annie to help develop top level executives and strategies. During her career, she has facilitated more than 600 "high stakes" sessions for clients. For the past two years in a row, CEO Magazine has recognized Gallagher and the firm as a "Best of Business" award winner.

Annie spent several years of her career working in investor and public relations for LBrands, a multi-billion dollar retail company. She also served in leadership roles in communications and political affairs for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, a business trade association. As a consultant, she developed the first systematic research design to assess the voting behavior of state Supreme Court justices. Her approach is now used as a national model throughout the U.S.

She holds a B.A. in Journalism from The Ohio State University, a M.A. in Communications and Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University. She is a member of National Communications Honor Society's/Lambda Pi Eta Graduate Chapter at Gonzaga. Annie is also a member of the International Coach Federation, and received training from CoachU, the largest coach training for business coaches in the world. Annie serves on the Advisory Board of Franklin University's Organizational Communication School and the Public Relations Society of America's task force on executive programming. She is also a founding member of the Ross Leadership Institute.

Annie believes it is crucial to take an active role in the community. She serves on the boards of Ohio Dominican University, the Child Injury Prevention Alliance and the Columbus Zoo Ambassador group. Annie is a founding member of the United Way's Women's Leadership Council and the Martha's Giving Circle of the Catholic Foundation, and is a graduate and past board member of Leadership Columbus. She is also a past board member of Franklin County Residential Services and Project OpenHand.

She has been recognized by Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) as a "Woman you Should Know," and has been invited by The White House to share her insights on business issues and the economy. She was also named a "Forty under 40" leader to watch by *Business First*, and has been awarded for her volunteer efforts. •