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### **LEADERSHIP FOCUS**

Stephanie has a unique combination of fashion industry experience and academic leadership success. She has more than twenty-five years of experience as an innovative and progressive educator and administrator in fashion schools in St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Charlotte. Prior to that, Stephanie held merchandising and buying roles in leading retail establishments. In these assignments, Stephanie established working relationships, professional connections, and a respected reputation as a facilitator, problem-solver, and catalyst in the fashion industry.

### **PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2023-Present: The University of South Carolina: Columbia, SC. **Instructor**  
Department of Retailing and Fashion Merchandising.
- 2019-Present: TaylorMade Solutions, LLC. Global. **Founder & Creative Director**.  
Educational Consulting Group. (Professional Development & Career  
Readiness, Curriculum Development, Fashion Program Studies).  
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- 2000-2017: The Art Institutes: Philadelphia, New York, Charlotte, and Pittsburgh.  
**Department Chairperson** of Fashion Merchandising and Design  
Programs. Organizational leader of program development and direction.
- 1997-2000: Lindenwood University, Saint Charles, MO. **Assistant Professor**  
Fashion, Marketing and Business Department.
- 1994-1997: Columbia College, Columbia, MO. **Assistant Professor**  
Fashion and Business Department.
- 1992-1994: Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, Kalamazoo, MI. **Family Coordinator**  
Kalamazoo Area Academic Achievement Mentoring Program.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2000-Present  
Faculty Development & Training  
Professional Development & Mentoring Workshops  
Curriculum Development & Program Review  
Accreditation & Compliance Standards  
Development & Implementation of Art & Design Programs  
Fashion Lecturer/Speaker  
Experiential Learning

## **EDUCATION**

1992-1994: WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MI  
**Master of Art, Education & Human Development**

1984-1986: WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MI  
**Bachelor's in Applied Science – Fashion Merchandising**

1980-1982: MOTT COLLEGE, FLINT, MI  
**Associate's in Applied Science – Retail Merchandising**

## **RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

1997-Present: **Member:** Fashion Group International, New York, NY

2024-Present: **Member:** The University of South Carolina HRSM Opportunity & Engagement Committee.

2024-Present: **Member:** The University of South Carolina Scholarship Committee.

2022-Present: **Board Member:** The Children's Institute of Fashion Academy  
New York, NY

2021: **Guest Speaker:** Global Entrepreneurship Event- Greenville, SC

2020: **Guest Speaker:** Walker Legacy Mentor Matchmaking Event  
Greenville, SC

2020: **Presenter:** TaylorMade Solutions Professional Development Seminar  
Greenville, SC

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2024: **Professor Of the Year Award:** Department of Retailing and Fashion Merchandising, The University of South Carolina.
- 2024: **Career Influencer Award:** The University of South Carolina Career Center.
- 2021: **Panel participant:** Ten at the Top Community Connector. Global Entrepreneurship! Greenville, SC.
- 2020: **Guest Speaker:** The Walker Legacy Mentor Matchmaking Event. Greenville, SC.
- 2020: **Presenter:** TaylorMade Solutions, LLC. Ready Your Life Professional Development Seminar. Greenville, SC.
- 2017: **Pittsburgh Magazine:** You Should Know – Featuring Stephanie Taylor.
- 2015-2017: **President:** Fashion Group International Pittsburgh Provisional Chapter. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2015: **Fashion Industry Leadership Award:** Style & Steel Event Planning Co. Pittsburg, PA.
- 2015: **Fashion Contributor:** A Taste of Pittsburgh Lifestyle Magazine. Pittsburgh, PA.

