



Mary J. Dowell

"Playing Through the Fence"

Champion for Women – Leadership Expert Ambassador for Change

Mary J. Dowell spent 20 years as an executive in human resources and corporate communications for Johnson Controls, Inc. She led the company's diversity initiatives as the director of corporate human resources and helped deploy millions of dollars in philanthropic resources around the globe as vice president of foundation affairs and global community relations. Mary is an active member of Milwaukee's business and philanthropic communities and serves on the board of organizations focused on the advancement of women leaders. She has received numerous awards for her work in the community.

As motivational speaker, mentor and coach for corporate environments and business and community events, Mary challenges others to find and develop their unique talents and leadership qualities. She shares stories from her own journey, many of which are rooted in a childhood memory of playing with the white girl next door—but because of the times, only through the chain-link fence in their backyards. Over the years, that fence became symbolic to Mary, representing barriers of racism and sexism.

In her new book, *Playing Through the Fence*, Mary shares her personal story along with those from 18 other women who have overcome challenges, bias and stereotypes with perseverance and determination to achieve personal and career success. Her book inspires each of us to find the leader within us all and reminds us that where there is obstacle, there is opportunity.

Speaking Engagements:

Mary's serves as mistress of ceremonies at various business and community events, facilitator for panel discussions, and panelist for women and leadership events. She presents with interactive audience activities and caters to meet each organization's objectives.

Events:

Mary speaks at various events for professionals, networking groups, conferences, community and educational opportunities, fundraisers, religious retreats and banquets.

Audiences:

Presentations cater to corporate professionals, women's affinity groups, collegiate organizations, youth groups, nonprofits and more.

Specialties:

Leadership
Professional/Personal Development
Empowerment
Overcoming Adversity
Diversity
Women's Issues

For more information, visit www.mjdowell.com.
To request rates or to book a speaking engagement, call 414-708-9935.

Mary travels from Milwaukee and requests hotel accommodations, airfare and transportation to and from event venue.