

## JJ DiGeronimo Technology Executive, Author, Keynote Speaker, and STEM Advocate

### **Keynotes for Career Women**

- Flourishing & Excelling in Male Dominated Cultures
- Creating New Levels of Influence & Impact from Your Current Position
- Building an Impactful Team of Sponsors
- Bundling Your Value & Enhancing Your Relevance
- Fostering Innovation with Diversity

#### **Recent Keynotes and Events**

#### **Keynotes for Executives**

- Creative Strategies to Find & Recruit Diverse Candidates
- How Talented Leaders Engage, Retain and Advance Diverse Employees
- Fostering a Culture of Innovation with Thought Diversity and Gender Differences
- Tailored Executive Sessions

Rockwell Automation - PWC Event, Toronto, Canada July 18, 2017 IEEE - International Leadership Conference, San Jose, CA, May 22, 2017 University of Buffalo - 3rd Annual Women in STEM Summit, Buffalo, NY, April 5, 2017 Rockwell Automation - Partner Network Conference, las Vegas, NV, Mar. 22, 2017 Info Sec Summit - Women in Tech, Columbus, Ohio, April 21, 2017 IBM - The Women of Watson Health at HIMSS17, Orlando, FL, Feb. 19, 2017 Karpinski Engineering - Corporate Book Club for Women, Dec. 14, 2016 IBM - Watson Health Population Health Conference, Dallas, TX, Dec 6, 2016 GLG - Women in Tech, San Francisco, CA, Sept 28, 2016 Cisco - Girls Power Tech, April 28, 2016 Ohio University - Women in STEM, Advice for Developing Your Career, April 6, 2016 STEM Summit - STEM Keynote for STEM Teachers & Staff, March 16, 2016 Cisco - Women of Impact - Cleveland, March 10, 2016 GE & KeyBank- Professional Strategies for Impactful Leaders, Dec. 10, 2015 EMC - Leadership and Diversity, Developing Our Leaders for Tomorrow, Oct 6, 2015 Progressive Insurance - Women in IT, May 21, 2015 Nestle - Thought Diversity with Gender Difference, May 15, 2015 STEM Conference - Master of Ceremonies, April 16-18, 2015 WITI - Cultivate Your Board for Career Advancement, April 14, 2015 IOT Innovation - Women Changing the World through Technology, March 14, 2015 AMAZON - Women in Tech - Attraction, Retention & Leadership, Feb 5, 2015 Clemson University - 2014 Empowering Girls STEM Symposium, Nov. 14, 2014 Lubrizol - Women Leadership Conference, Nov 5, 2014 Grace Hopper Conference - Experienced Women in Tech, Oct. 8th, 2014 Ingram Micro Inc. - Women of Technology, July 31, 2014 How to Attract and Retain Women in STEM Roles, July 29, 2014 San Diego, CA RIT - Women in Engineering WE Explore, Institute of Technology, July 18, 2014 KeyBank - Women in Technology & Operations,, June 24, 2014 VMware - Women of Purpose, May 15, 2014 Austin, TX Symantec - Virtual SWAN Sales Meeting, Nov. 25, 2013

TV, Video & Radio

**Testimonials** 

Radio/Podcasts

Articles & Publications

LinkedIn Profile

Why Women in STEM

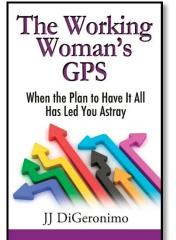
STEM Award Winners

What Do Women in STEM Do, Series (Career Examples)

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JJ DiGeronimo, president of Tech Savvy Women, is an executive strategist, author, and speaker that designs programs with organizations to attract, retain and advance professional women in technology and related fields. Through her keynotes and executive sessions, JJ shares effective leadership and inclusion strategies to retain and develop diverse talent. Her work is featured in *Forbes, Inc. Magazine, and The Wall Street Journal* along with many other publications.

Throughout her career, JJ has made a positive impact within the technology industry. Her accomplishments and contributions include the following:

- Award Winning Diversity Book for Women, Axiom 2017
- Top 100 Women Visionary Leaders to Watch in 2016, Innov8tiv's 2016
- Jumpstart Board Member, Accelerator for High Growth Companies 2015
- Strategic Advisor for STEMPoweredKids, CoolTechGirls and Her Ideas in Motion 2014
- Initiated "What DO Women in STEM DO?" video channel 2013
- Named to Top 25 People in Technology by Inside Business Cleveland
- Next Generation Indie Book Award for "The Working Woman's GPS" 2011
- **Co-creator of Diversity Corporate Initiative** Women on Purpose at **VMware**, to empower women in the technology industry and support career advancement– 2009
- **Launched Tech Savvy Women,** an experienced network of women in tech and STEM with over 2,500 members in three cities 2008
- Innovation Award from the Small Business Network 2005
- *Entrepreneur Magazine* featured her company, TechStudents, the largest database of technology graduates from 300 colleges and universities 2004

JJ began her career designing computer infrastructures for *Fortune 500* companies after graduating with a computer information systems degree in 1995. She stays involved with emerging technologies, as she is a strategic advisor to venture capitalists (VC), investment teams and executives as it relates to routes-to-market and repeatable revenue streams.

With 20 years of experience in high-tech, JJ advanced from entry-level technology positions into leadership positions within Silicon Valley-based technology companies. Recently she completed eight years at VMware, where JJ focused on Datacenter Technologies: Cloud Computing, Virtualization and SDDC.

JJ is now a featured columnist for *Smart Business Magazine*, a regular guest on TV and radio shows and a preferred keynote speaker for many corporate events including Amazon, Ingram Micro, RIT, Sears Holding Company, Clemson University, NASA Glenn, Symantec, VMware, Grace Hopper, KeyBank, and EMC along with many other organizations.

JJ includes these experiences along with hours of research in her new award-winning book <u>"Accelerate Your Impact."</u> This book complements her 2011 book, "The Working Woman's GPS." She also hosts regular videos for professional women on her YouTube Channel: <u>TechSavvyWomen.TV</u>.



Tech Savvy Women: Experienced Women in Tech, Creating a Competitive Advantage

Tech Savvy Women, LLC (TSW) is a firm that works to attract, retain, celebrate and promote experienced women in technology and related industries. Since its inception, Tech Savvy Women has hosted hundreds of events for professional women in technology.

Additionally, the company facilitates recruiting and retention sessions for executives and organizational leaders looking to interlock their diverse talent with business value.

TSW members share a wealth of knowledge, experience, and value with over 2,500 Women in Tech representing various industries and technical disciplines.

# **Award-Winning Playbook for Diversity**

Empowering Experienced Professional Women to increase retention and impact at all levels

Educating & Coaching Male Allies to recruit, retain and advance diversity within leadership and boards

Inspiring Girls to share the opportunities in STEM to ensure a healthy pipeline for the future



JJ DiGeronimo, president Tech Savvy Women

**Accelerate Your Impact** outlines an actionable framework, based on research, to retain and advance diverse talent with a focus on professional women.

#### The book includes:

- Strategies for maneuvering the professional landscape to foster future opportunities
- · Techniques to minimize or avoid common career pitfalls
- Approaches that identify and tap into career sponsors
- Tips for exploring and evaluating lateral moves
- Suggestions on how to select and participate on boards
- Insights on how to maneuver cultures while aligning with impactful work

Without a career playbook, many professionals experience common pitfalls and corporate cultures that derail their ambitions, despite their best efforts.

With more than 20 years of experience in the tech industry, DiGeronimo is no stranger to navigating the twists and turns of moving from entry level to leadership positions. She learned firsthand that securing that next position, a board seat, or starting a new product line often requires professionals to enhance their relevance, establish new career sponsors, and expand their networks.

This award winning book provides genuine examples to maximize their career opportunities with personal anecdotes, specific examples, and unique stories from those who have stumbled, fallen, and succeeded.