

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Marigrace is a native of the Allegheny Mountains. She grew up in the cultural casserole of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in a large, German-Irish family. She learned the value of education from her parents who strived to afford college tuitions for their children. 'A' grades were not as important as an honest effort, and improvement.

Her appreciation of the arts was engendered by her mother, who managed to ensure each child one summer's Light Opera performance under the stars in the open dome of the Civic Arena.

Also, visits to the Children's Playhouse, Buhl Planetarium, Carnegie Library and Museum; and many Heinz Hall performances, symphonies, and author series furthered her love of the arts. Other formative joys included athletics, literature, summer camps, amusement parks, NJ seashores, marching band, many friends, and many Pirates and Steeler games. So far, she has traveled to 12 countries.

Marigrace credits her career success to an early period in Washington, DC starting with a federal summer internship there. She then joined leading consulting companies: Arthur D. Little, Booz-Allen, and Lockheed on advanced technology projects.

Her career passion is applying her advanced education and experience to organizational growth, transformation and change management. Marigrace earned a Master of Science, Business Management degree at The Johns Hopkins University, and holds several professional certifications in Human Resource, Learning, and is a certified Lean/Six Sigma Black Belt. She is Senior Manager, HR for World Kitchen, LLC. Committed to lifelong learning, Marigrace considers her life and accomplishments a work-in-progress.

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