

# CATHERINE GORMAN CORDOVA, PHD



Dr. Catherine Cordova has over a decade of leadership and teaching experience in higher education and mentoring. She has held leadership roles in the non-profit sector and a range of national organizations, with extensive experience in curriculum development, instruction, and training for mentoring programs.

As President Emeritus of the International Mentoring Association, Catherine conducts international mentor trainings and serves on the Board of the Peer Mentor Advisory Council for the Campbell University Rose Center for Peer Mentorship within the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business. Additionally, Catherine has partnered with the U.S. and Bolivian Embassies to conduct mentor training and is a certified mentoring consultant. Her research on peer mentoring and community engagement, especially in Honors, has been published in various venues including 2023 Routledge text, *Reciprocal Mentoring*, and the upcoming 2026 publication, *Mentoring for Wellbeing Across the Professions and Disciplines*.

Catherine has designed and managed over a dozen mentoring programs across various sectors, including academic, non-profit, and private/corporate. She is currently conducting research in the field of mentoring and understands the important intersection of mentoring, coaching, and career skills, much of which she outlines in her text, *Why You Should (or Shouldn't) Go to College*, (Routledge, 2024). Catherine serves as Director of Academic Planning and Retention in the David C. Frederick Honors College at the University of Pittsburgh. She holds a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction focused in Career and Workforce Education from the University of South Florida.

**Speaker Travels from:** Tennessee, USA

**Available for:** In-person, virtual, or hybrid events

## Consultancy Sample Topics:

- Peer Mentoring
- Corporate Mentoring
- Academic Mentoring
- Career Mentoring
- Research Related to Mentoring Self-Efficacy and Career Decision-Making

"After working with Dr. Cordova for several months on developing a first-of-its-kind mentorship program - a program supported by a trade association and featuring cross-corporation pairings - it quickly became clear that she would be an outstanding speaker for the trade association's annual convention. Dr. Cordova's presentation and public speaking styles are un-paralleled; she expertly translated the academic foundations of mentoring into the "why" behind corporate mentoring for an audience of business professionals. Her energy and passion shine through every presentation, driving engagement and sparking genuine excitement from the audience. **She is truly the ultimate mentorship "hype-person!"**" - Nora Johnson

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