



Denise UPAH MILLS

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Professional Profile

As an affiliate of The Pacific Institute since 1994, Denise Upah Mills focuses on organizational development and strategic cultural alliances. Denise facilitates *Investment In Excellence™* and coaches leaders to recognize how their habits, attitudes, beliefs and expectations affect their performance, and how they ultimately influence the corporate culture.

Denise's talents at developing strategic alliances created a compelling opportunity to expand her business practice and launch Six Degrees Solutions LLC in 1998. Based on the concept of the six degrees of separation, Six Degrees Solutions LLC combines the "best of the best" networking strategies for a more purposeful approach to business development.

Denise facilitates programs on:

- Leadership Development
- Corporate Culture
- Expanding Comfort Zones
- Business Development and Sales
- Motivating Yourself and Others
- 'Good to Great' Concepts
- Achieving Bold Goals

International Cultural Diversity

In December 2006, Denise was chosen to facilitate the meeting of an American Amish community and a group of Australian Aborigines to further the Aboriginal communities' organic farming practices. Denise annually facilitates International Leadership programs for women in underdeveloped countries.

Client Focus

Denise brings considerable business acumen to her consulting practice. Denise's instincts and insights are invaluable in coaching executives, professionals and business owners to help them reach their full potential.

With her diverse professional experience and genuine interest in the well being of others, she is proficient at drawing out individual and company strengths. Denise is also uniquely creative at identifying and developing new niche markets and focusing on networking strategies that reach the most ready-to-buy clientele.

Community & Professional Recognition

In January 2006, Denise was honored to represent Kansas City in Washington DC, by personally accepting a national award received by the Johnson County Library from First Lady Laura Bush.

In 2003, Denise was honored as one of the top "25 Under 25" businesses by the Kansas City Small Business Monthly. In 2002, Denise was recognized as one of 25 "Women Who Mean Business" by the Kansas City Business Journal and, in 1999, Denise was the recipient of Women's Resource Network "Excellence in Leadership" award.

In addition to serving on many local business and association Boards, Denise is chairperson of the K-State Johnson County Extension Education Foundation.

Denise's life story is featured in a new book entitled "A Passion Of Her Own" authored by Kathryn Sommers.

