

## Daphne E. Jones

Breakthrough Fortune 50 Executive, Leadership & Transformation Expert

Barrier-breaker, transformational leader, a force to be reckoned with — these are just some of the words to describe Daphne E. Jones, an accomplished and seasoned Fortune 50 executive whose forward-looking vision played a key role in unlocking growth within various multinational corporations. Through the course of her illustrious 30-year career, she held executive roles at IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Hospira, Inc. (now Pfizer) — where she shattered the ‘concrete’ ceiling by becoming the first woman and first person of color to report to the Chairman of the Board and CEO, and General Electric, where she became the highest-ranking African American woman in GE IT. Jones is widely regarded as a power player in her field and draws upon her extensive experience using digital technologies strategically, entrepreneurially, and globally to advise organizations in every industry on the way forward for their businesses.

In her talks, Jones revisits her unconventional journey to becoming a C-suite leader to share proactive insights organizations in any industry can adopt to drive innovation, nurture a culture of high performance, and reimagine their businesses to be more agile and customer-focused. She’s a celebrated digital strategist who makes the complex simple as she outlines disruptive digital-first strategies to help organizations meet their objectives in a business landscape that is shifting dramatically, and offers practical tactics for exponential growth. Seamlessly weaving stories from her inspiring life story of going from poverty to executive leadership into her talks, Jones inspires organizations and individuals to overcome any obstacle and defeat their self-limiting beliefs to create their next breakthrough.

Jones has advised CEOs, boards of directors, and corporate officers and has spearheaded global teams that have generated hundreds of millions of dollars for the companies she led. At General Electric, she served as the senior vice president for future of work; senior vice president and chief information officer for product engineering, imaging, and ultrasound; and as senior executive and chief information officer for global services — all comprising a \$13 billion segment within GE Healthcare. Prior to GE Healthcare, Jones held roles as an IT executive at IBM and Johnson & Johnson followed by her role as corporate officer, senior vice president, and chief information officer at Hospira, Inc., a global pharmaceutical and infusion technology company. A driver of change acceleration and leadership development, her career is defined by leading the way in using digital technologies to transform business models, distribution channels, and products.

Recognized as a business transformationalist and sought-after board member, Jones serves on the board of directors for AMN Healthcare, Inc., as well as the Barnes Group and Masonite International Corp. On a mission to pay it forward in business, she is also the founder of The Board Curators, through which she prepares diverse senior leaders for corporate board roles, and Destiny Transformation Group, a coaching program dedicated to helping professionals chart their desired career path. She is the recipient of the ICABA Caribbean Achiever Award and the University of West Indies’ Luminary Award. Jones was also named one of Illinois’ “Most Powerful and Influential Women” by the National Diversity Council, a “Premier 100” by *Computerworld*, and was named one of the “Most Influential African American Directors” in 2021 by *Savoy Magazine*. In her book, *Win When They Say You Won’t*, she shares her tried-and-true strategies for how anyone can achieve the career of their dreams with a winning mindset and proven playbook.