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**Leading with Purpose.** In a world of unprecedented rates of change, increasing globalization, and a blurring of borders and boundaries, Dr. Sue Desmond-Hellmann provides audiences with proven strategies for effective and innovative leadership, while also infusing her career lessons-learned along the way. With takeaways including building a strong internal, inclusive culture, fostering collaborative and innovative environments, and helping your people find joy and meaning in their work, groups will walk away from this talk prepared and inspired to better lead their teams, their organization, and their industry with purpose in today's everchanging business environment.

**Think Big and Then Go Big: Turning Innovation Into Action.** Throughout her unique 30+ year career in biotechnology, academia, and philanthropy, Dr. Sue Desmond-Hellmann has been an advocate for embracing innovation to create impact. From developing numerous breakthrough medicines at Genentech and being named one of the world's seven most "powerful innovators" by Forbes, to leading the creation of the first nonprofit biotech organization at the Gates Foundation, she continues to be at the forefront of innovative thinking to change the world for the better. In this engaging presentation, Dr. Desmond-Hellmann uses examples from her personal career journey to share battle-tested insights on how to rethink the status quo, inspire teams to think outside-the-box, manage risks against rewards, and remain relentless when pursuing change.