

Caroline Stockdale selected as Top Chief People and Communications Officer of the Decade by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Caroline Stockdale at their annual awards gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The International Association of [Top Professionals](#) (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, recently selected Caroline Stockdale, Chief People and Communications Officer at First Solar, as Top Chief People and Communications Officer of the Decade.

While inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself, only one Top Chief People and Communications Officer is selected for this distinction. Caroline Stockdale is being recognized for having over two decades of experience dedicated to her field. Caroline will receive this recognition at IAOTP's Award Gala in December 2026 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

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With more than two and a half decades of industry experience, Ms. Stockdale serves as Chief People and Communications Officer at First Solar. Previously, Caroline served as Chief Executive Officer of First Perform and The Career Exchange, organizations that provide human resources services and products to small and medium-sized businesses. She has also held the role of Chief Human Resources Officer at Medtronic and Warner Music Group, as well as serving in senior human resources leadership positions at American Express and General Electric. Caroline has proven herself to be a dynamic, results-driven leader. She has been instrumental in aligning people strategy with organizational purpose, pioneering data-driven approaches to workforce strategy, and transforming talent and performance management.



Before embarking on her career path, Ms. Stockdale earned her B.A. with Honors in Political Theories and Institutions from The University of Sheffield in England. She is also a British-qualified chartered accountant through the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

Caroline is a recognized thought leader and an advocate for lifelong learning. She is a member of the Forbes Human Resources Council and has been named one of the most influential women in Arizona in 2022 and 2024. In 2023, she was named to the top 50 Women in Sustainability, and in 2025, she was recognized as one of the Top 50 Women in Arizona. Caroline was also named to Who's Who of Professional Women 2024-2025 and Who's Who of America in 2025-2026.



Caroline's commitment to empowering others is evident in her intentional efforts to recognize and uplift talented individuals who might otherwise go unnoticed. She encourages her team, colleagues, and business partners to take the spotlight in meetings and events, reflecting her genuine care, compassion, and dedication to nurturing growth in others.

Throughout her illustrious career, Caroline's innovative approach to business challenges and her dedication to nurturing growth in others have earned her numerous awards and accolades worldwide.

In 2025, she was awarded IAOTP's Empowered Woman of the Year Award and was also named the Top Chief People & Communications Officer of the Year. She will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in December 2026 for her selection as Top Chief People and Communications Officer of the Decade. These honors reflect her years of experience, professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, and contributions to her community.

Looking back, Ms. Stockdale attributes her success to learning from great leaders, staying values-based, the courage to speak the truth, and being humble and grateful for every opportunity. She believes that growth is a continuous process and emphasizes the importance of lifelong learning. When not working, she enjoys walking, gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family and their five rescue dogs. She supports community efforts focused on the environment, women, and kids in crisis.

For more information, please visit: www.firstsolar.com

About IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have recognized and credentialed thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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