

Influential Women Features Sherry McCaskill, BS, MHRM: Redefining HR Through Purpose-Driven Leadership

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- Experienced Human Resources professional and Founder of Collective Principles, Sherry helps to empower leaders, strengthen culture, get early talent "Future Ready", and is a Transformational Leader that enhances the Human Experience at Work

Sherry McCaskill, BS, MHRM, is not just a Human Resources executive—she is a transformational leader dedicated to building environments where people grow, leaders thrive, and organizations achieve meaningful, lasting success. With more than 25 years of experience leading people strategy across global, high-performing organizations, Sherry has built a career at the intersection of business performance and human connection.

Her journey spans diverse operational landscapes, from manufacturing floors to executive boardrooms, where she has consistently partnered with senior leaders to align talent with strategy, strengthen organizational culture, and drive measurable business outcomes. Today, as Director of Human Resources, Sherry leads enterprise HR strategy across manufacturing, data center, infrastructure, and service operations. Her work focuses on building scalable organizations, developing strong leadership pipelines, and fostering cultures where employees feel valued, empowered, and inspired to perform at their highest level.

Before her current role, Sherry spent 24 years with Toyota North America, one of the world's most respected organizations. During her tenure, she played a pivotal role in shaping enterprise talent strategies while growing into a dynamic and influential leader. More than a professional chapter, her time at Toyota deeply influenced her leadership philosophy. Immersed in principles such as Kaizen, lean leadership, and the company's "North Star" philosophy of Respect for People, Sherry developed a people-first mindset that continues to guide her work today—not only as a leader, but as a person committed to serving others.



Expanding her impact beyond corporate leadership, Sherry is also a certified John Maxwell Executive and Leadership Coach, speaker, and facilitator, as well as the Founder of Collective Principles. Through this platform, she partners with individuals and organizations to lead with clarity, intention, and purpose. For Sherry, leadership is not defined by title or position—it is measured by influence, connection, and the ability to inspire others to grow.

Over the course of her career, she has coached and developed hundreds of leaders across industries, equipping them to navigate complexity, communicate effectively, and lead through change with confidence. Her approach is grounded in both real-world experience and a deep understanding of organizational dynamics, allowing her to translate complex challenges into practical, people-centered solutions.

At the core of her work is the Collective Principles Impact Model™, a forward-thinking leadership development framework built on more than two decades of executive HR expertise and hands-on organizational transformation. Designed to go beyond traditional training, the model integrates enterprise strategy, cultural alignment, and values-based leadership to deliver measurable results. Through this approach, Sherry helps organizations build high-performing leaders, increase engagement, and drive sustainable growth.

What sets Collective Principles apart is its focus not only on organizational outcomes, but on individual transformation. Through executive coaching, leadership development programs, and purpose-driven dialogue, Sherry empowers individuals to gain clarity, build confidence, and lead with intention in every area of their lives. Her work is highly personalized, supporting executives, mid-level managers, and emerging leaders with tailored strategies that promote both performance and personal growth.

She is equally committed to accountability, ensuring that development is not a one-time experience but a continuous journey. Through structured follow-up, honest conversations, and intentional guidance, Sherry helps leaders shift their mindset, strengthen communication, and show up with authenticity and impact. Known for her influence, authenticity, and results-driven approach, she is not only developing leaders—she is transforming trajectories and setting a new standard for people-centered leadership.

Sherry's philosophy is rooted in a set of core beliefs that guide her work and leadership style. She believes that leadership begins with intention and is sustained through connection. Strong cultures, she emphasizes, do not happen by accident—they are built deliberately and nurtured over time. She also holds that when people feel seen, heard, and valued, performance naturally follows. For Sherry, growth requires both accountability and support, and every individual has the potential to lead and create meaningful impact.

Her mission is clear: to help people lead better, live with purpose, and create lasting impact in the lives of others.

Reflecting on her career, Sherry notes that the most valuable lessons she has learned were not simply given to her—they were lived, tested, and proven over time. One of the most defining principles she carries is the importance of staying curious and leading with compassion. She believes that no matter how experienced a leader becomes, continuous learning and a genuine commitment to people must remain at the forefront.

Throughout her career, she has prioritized empathy, transparency, and authentic connection. By taking the time to understand people—walking the floor, listening, and engaging on a human level—she has consistently built trust that translates into strong performance and sustainable success.

Sherry is also a strong advocate for self-advocacy. She encourages individuals to take ownership of their voice, clearly articulate their value, and confidently pursue their goals. At the same time, she underscores the importance of building a strong support system, including mentors, sponsors, and a personal “board of directors.” Each plays a unique role in guiding, advocating, and challenging growth, and she believes that surrounding oneself with individuals who genuinely believe in one’s potential is essential to long-term success.

Another key lesson she emphasizes is the importance of resilience. Sherry does not view rejection as failure, but as redirection. Some of the most impactful opportunities in her career came after being told “no,” and she credits her persistence and preparation for turning those moments into defining successes. Similarly, she embraces failure as a natural part of growth, choosing to learn quickly from setbacks and move forward with clarity and purpose.

Above all, Sherry is committed to authenticity. She believes in leaning into one’s truth and never apologizing for who you are. This deep sense of self-awareness and confidence has been foundational to her success, allowing her to build a career aligned with her values and passions. In her view, confidence is not arrogance—it is alignment. And when alignment is present, success follows.

In advising young women entering the field, Sherry emphasizes the importance of believing in oneself and remaining committed to personal and professional growth. She acknowledges the challenges that often come with navigating corporate environments but encourages women to approach those moments as opportunities for development and transformation.

She highlights the power of intentional relationships and the importance of surrounding oneself with supportive, growth-oriented individuals. Mentorship and community play a critical role, and she strongly believes that when women uplift and support one another, they create more inclusive and empowering environments for everyone.

For aspiring leaders, Sherry underscores the importance of leading with integrity, authenticity, and confidence. She reminds individuals that their unique perspectives and experiences are

valuable assets, and that true confidence comes not from having all the answers, but from understanding one's worth and showing up fully.

Throughout her career, one of the most significant challenges Sherry has faced has been navigating corporate spaces as a woman while remaining true to herself. She recalls entering rooms where she needed to establish her voice, credibility, and presence simultaneously. Rather than conforming to expectations, she made a deliberate choice to remain authentic and grow through those experiences.

By embracing challenges rather than avoiding them, Sherry has used each obstacle as an opportunity to learn, strengthen her confidence, and refine her leadership approach. She views challenges not as limitations, but as catalysts for growth—experiences that build resilience and create opportunities to improve not only her own path, but the paths of others.

At the core of her work and life are two guiding values: integrity and inclusivity. Integrity shapes how she leads, makes decisions, and builds trust through consistent honesty and accountability. Inclusivity drives her commitment to creating environments where individuals feel seen, heard, and valued—spaces where people can thrive and contribute meaningfully.

For Sherry, the most rewarding aspect of her work is the impact it has on people. She is deeply passionate about helping others grow, develop, and realize their potential. Whether coaching leaders, building teams, or shaping organizational culture, her focus remains on creating meaningful, lasting change.

She measures her legacy not by titles or roles, but by the environments she creates, the leaders she develops, and the confidence she helps others discover within themselves. Ultimately, Sherry sees her work as something far greater than building organizations—she is committed to helping individuals unlock and grow their own “people superpowers,” creating ripple effects that extend far beyond the workplace.

When she is not working with organizations or coaching leaders, Sherry invests her time in what matters most—her family, her personal growth, and experiences that continue to shape her perspective and purpose.

Through every role she holds and every life she touches, Sherry McCaskill continues to redefine what it means to lead—proving that when people are empowered, supported, and inspired, both individuals and organizations can achieve extraordinary results.

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