



SCRUM ALLIANCE® ANNOUNCES DEBORAH NUGENT AS NEW BOARD MEMBER

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Denver, CO,— SCRUM ALLIANCE®, the largest, most established and influential professional membership organization and certifying body in the Agile community, recently announced Deborah Nugent as the newest member of its Board of Directors.

Deborah retired from her role as chief financial officer of Best Associates, a Dallas-based merchant bank, following a 12-year tenure there in 2014. She served as CFO and in executive operational roles in the merchant bank's portfolio of education companies, which included Whitney International University System, Higher Ed Holdings (parent of American College of Education), and Voyager Expanded Learning, during her time there. She began her career in public accounting with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Grant Thornton LLP.

Scrum Alliance interim CEO Lisa Hershman said, "Deborah brings a new skill set to our highly engaged board of directors. Her finance background will help us make sure we are doing the right things for the organization, with the most positive impact for both the community of trainers and coaches and the community of global practitioners. Her attention to detail and her curiosity are already proving to be great assets in her short time with us. Deborah asks great questions in our meetings and helps us look at things with a fresh perspective. I look forward to working with her."

Board Chair Gene Bounds said, "We are thrilled to have Deborah join our board of directors for Scrum Alliance. Her professional career includes executive management positions with impressive education and talent development roles, in addition to her broad finance experience. That experience will help us move the organization in the right direction as we expand and build on our mission to transform the world of work."

"As a new board member, I am looking forward to learning how to become Agile and am committed to 'changing the world of work,'" said Deborah Nugent. "This organization has a strong sense of community, and I look forward to meeting members and hearing what is important to them as I attend the Global Scrum Gatherings and meet these experts in person. It is an honor to serve on this board and I hope my most recent experience with education companies committed to changing lives through high-quality, accessible, and

relevant programs will help me make a valuable contribution to the future of Scrum Alliance.”

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About Scrum Alliance

Founded in 2001, SCRUM ALLIANCE® is the largest, most established and influential professional membership and certification organization in the Agile community. SCRUM ALLIANCE® is a nonprofit association with more than 500,000 certified practitioners worldwide. Its vision is to "Transform the World of Work" with a mission to guide and inspire individuals, leaders, and organizations with practices, principles, and values that create workplaces that are joyful, prosperous, and sustainable. For more information, please visit www.scrumalliance.org.

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