

Daria S. Torres

Daria Torres is a board director, university lecturer, and executive-level advisor. Over the past two decades, as the founder and Managing Partner of [Walls Torres Group](#), Daria has worked astutely at the intersection of strategy, governance and leadership. She has been a guiding force engaging with senior teams and boards to grapple with complex strategic questions, build clarity and consensus, and establish commitment to new directional paths. Her firm's capabilities and expertise have been sought by a vast client roster, including her former firm McKinsey & Company. Prior to consulting, Daria was an SCI-cleared Systems Engineer at Lockheed Martin.

From the C-suite to the board room, Daria brings a global perspective and a wealth of cross-disciplinary knowledge. She is NACD Certified and serves as an Independent Director for Columbia Bank and its parent company Columbia Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLBK), where she is a member of the Audit Committee and Risk Committee; and for Human Resolution Technologies, a leading provider of innovative care management systems and patent-protected health tech devices.

Within the academic sphere, Daria is an award-winning and top-rated faculty member. During her tenure at Rutgers University School of Business at Camden (2004 - 2014), she was twice recognized with a Teaching Excellence commendation; and since 2007 at The Wharton School of Business, she has consistently garnered impeccable reviews while teaching in progressively more advanced levels of the program. Daria has also advised scores of fast-track leaders, entrepreneurs, and start-ups through accelerator and cohort-based programs.

Daria is a vital contributor and thought leader within her local and larger communities. In addition to her service on the UVA IDEA Fund and UVA Engineering Foundation Board, she is the Board Chair of Giving Cycle, an innovative experiential youth philanthropy program, and she was the Inaugural Executive in Residence with the Greater Philadelphia Philanthropy Network. Daria is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of the USA, University of Virginia Alumni Association, Mensa International, the National Black MBA Association and the National Society of Black Engineers, and has mentored countless budding professionals through these and other affiliations.

Daria earned her Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia with a double major in Economics, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania with a specialization in Telecommunications, and an MBA in Operations and Information Management from The Wharton School where she was a fully-funded I.W. Burnham Fellow and earned Director's List distinction.

When not advising, lecturing or volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, including underwater exploration adventures as a PADI-certified diver.