

Introduction/Bio

Grace Killelea (KILL-A-LAY) is the CEO & Founder of the GKC Group. For over 30 years, Grace has been keenly focused on developing, supporting, mentoring, coaching, and connecting leaders. An accomplished human resource and talent executive, Grace retired as a SVP from a Fortune 30 company, and in 2013, founded the GKC Group, a leadership development firm with programs designed for high potential men and women. Now in their 6th year, GKC Group programs have graduated over 1300 leaders from 120+ partner companies. In 2016, her book “The Confidence Effect” was published and was listed as a Top 10 Book for ‘Women in Business’ on Amazon.com and was also noted as ‘one of the most important new business books’ by Inc.com. Today, more than 25,000 books have been sold. So now, let me introduce best-selling author, leadership expert and a speaker who has spoken to more than 20,000 leaders over the past few years, **Grace Kill-a-lay**.



Short Bio - Author of “The Confidence Effect” and CEO of GKC Group

Grace Killelea is the CEO and Founder of the GKC Group, a firm offering leadership development programs to high potential women and men. To date, her programs have graduated over 1300 leaders from over 120 corporate partners. In addition, Grace is a highly rated and in-demand keynote speaker for companies and conferences on the topics of confidence, leadership and resilience due to her expertise and her ability to captivate and motivate audiences.

An accomplished human resource and talent executive, Grace served as SVP of Talent at Comcast Cable Corporation, a Fortune 30 company. After a 30+ year career spanning retail, human resources and programming, Grace retired in 2012 to launch her firm.

Grace’s honors and awards include: “Wonder Woman” by *Multichannel News*; “Women on the Move” by *CableFax’s*; “Women in Power” by *DiversityPlus magazine*; and “Lucille Larkin Lifetime Achievement Award” by *WICT Philadelphia Chapter*. Since founding GKC Group, Grace has been awarded the *SmartCEO Brava Award* (2015), a 2016 Woman to Watch by *PhillyBiz Magazine* and honored with the “Smart, Bold, Strong” award by *Girls Inc. of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey* (2016). In 2017, she spoke at *TEDxPasadenaWomen* on ["Making the Jump - Year of No Fear"](#).



Grace earned her master's degree in Human Resources from American University's Kogod School of Business. Grace's book, *"The Confidence Effect"* [AMACOM], was listed as one of the top business books of 2016 by INC.com and listed as a top 10 best-seller for Women in Business on Amazon.com. Grace resides in Philadelphia, PA.