



**DR. JANET PILCHER
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD IN
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Janet Pilcher is the founder and Senior Executive of Studer Education and a Managing Director of Studer Group. In 2010, Janet transitioned from higher education to work with the founder of Studer Group, Quint Studer, to determine how best to transfer leadership best practices in healthcare to education. Several years down this path, Janet and Quint joined in partnership to co-author, *Maximize Performance: Creating a Culture for Educational Excellence*. Similar to *What's Right in Education*, this book highlights our partner results and accomplishments that align to the foundation of our work, the Nine Principles®, and our mission, which is to maximize human and organizational performance. By working in partnership to develop the highest level of leadership, Janet and the coaching team engage with leaders to elevate educational organizations to become best places to work, learn and achieve.

Prior to joining Studer Group, Janet served a 19-year tenure at the University of West Florida where she was a professor, associate dean and dean of the College of Professional Studies. While at UWF she received and oversaw 17 million dollars of grant and contract projects and achieved one of UWF's research distinction awards. In 2005 Janet transitioned from the dean's position to create and lead the Institute for Innovative Community Learning. While at UWF, she and Dr. Robin Lague co-created the TeacherReady® program, a premier virtual program that prepares second career teachers who live all over the world. In partnership with the University of West Florida, Studer Education continues to offer this program serving teacher candidates in 50 states and 95 countries. Follow Janet on Twitter @janetpilcher.