

Jill Koski

Jill Koski is the President and CEO of The Morton Arboretum located on 1,700 acres 25 miles west of Chicago. She oversees the comprehensive strategies and operations of the Arboretum, advancing the tree-focused vision, mission, and goals of the organization through plant collections, scientific research, and educational programs for a greener, healthier, and more beautiful world.

EMPLOYMENT

- The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL, President and CEO, 2022-present
- Holden Forests & Gardens, Kirtland/Cleveland, OH, President and CEO, 2017-2022
- The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL, Vice President of Development, 2007-2017
- John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, IL, Senior Director, Campaign, 1997-2007
- The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL, Director of Development and Campaign Coordinator, 1993-1997

EDUCATION

- University of Wisconsin, Madison, BA in Political Science
- Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) 2004-2020
- University of Wisconsin Madison School of Business, The Professional Woman's Leadership Matrix
- The University of Chicago Executive Education, Financial Analysis for Non-Financial Managers
- Stanford Social Innovation Review, Non-Profit Management Symposium
- Axelson Center of Nonprofit Management, Building Sustainable Business Models

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Current

- Choose Dupage, Board Member
- City Club of Chicago, Member
- Commercial Club of Chicago, Member
- Economic Club of Chicago, Member
- Leadership Greater Chicago, Daniel Burnham Fellowship
- Union League Club of Chicago, Member

Former

- Cleveland Tree Coalition, Executive Committee
- ERC, HR Solutions, Board Member
- Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2020
- University Circle, Inc., Board Member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Botanic Gardens Conservation International
- o International Advisory Committee Member since 2023
- American Public Gardens Association, Member since 2008
- o APGA National Conference Program Selection Committee 2009-2011
- o Development and Membership Symposium, Founding Member/Symposium Chair
- American Alliance of Museums, Member since 1998
- o Ohio and Illinois delegation spokesperson for AAM Advocacy Days
- Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Member since 1996
- o AFP Chicago Chapter, Board Member 2001-2007/President 2005-2006
- o 2008 President's Award Recipient for Service to AFP Chicago Chapter
- o AFP International service on Professional Advancement Committee and Governance Transition Task Force
- Harvard Business School Guest Speaker
- o Case Study, Holden Forests & Gardens: Leading in Turbulent Times, October 2020
- o HBS Governance for Nonprofit Excellence Class
- o HBS Alumni Club of Northeast Ohio
- o HBS Nonprofit Board Summit 2021
- Northwestern University School of Continuing Education Guest Speaker, 2006-2017
- o Successful Museum Management in Today's Environment, Fundraising and Membership

RECOGNITION

- Women's History Month 2023: Honored by Illinois State Comptroller as one of four women who have made an impact in the Chicago area
- Cleveland Magazine's Community Leader of the Year, 2021