



Joan Burge, Founder and CEO of
Office Dynamics International since 1990

Industry Expert • Passionate Advocate
Creator of Unique and Specialized Training
Premier Coaching & Mentoring
Catalyst for Change and Improvement •



Joan has made an indelible imprint on thousands of administrative professionals worldwide by creating a renewed focus on excellence in the workplace. Her impact reaches all levels of the profession through her personal brand of premier educational and training certification programs. She has coached and developed executive/assistant teams, leading to improved performance and sustainable partnerships.

Joan is a passionate advocate for the administrative profession as a career of choice. Since 1990, she has helped companies boost their bottom line by adding value within the administrative function.

Joan has a proven track record of skilled instructional design; bringing exuberant energy and positive attitude to her curricula. She engages participants of every age group through experiential techniques and innovative learning activities. A Joan Burge program or presentation will include facilitation of stimulating participant discussions and thorough post-workshop/program evaluations.

Joan has mastered the art of capturing a client's goals, values and culture in order to tailor training and enrichment classes to meet their specific needs. She has created uniquely customized workshops, presentations, seminars and coaching sessions around the client—understanding that one size truly does not fit all.

Because of her engaging ability to empower learners and create behavior modification, Joan has been a popular speaker, presenting numerous educational programs to audiences outside the administrative realm.

Joan's exhaustive research on the administrative profession and the interactions between administrators and the executives and leaders they support has made her the industry expert.

Joan's clients represent all industries and companies of all sizes.

A visionary for the administrative profession, Joan eloquently articulates the vision for administrative excellence while teaching the necessary competencies for success in the field.

Creator, Author and Master Trainer

- Star Achievement Series® consists of 12 full days of training with 3 levels of learning. Joan designed workbooks for each full-day course ranging from 50 – 75 pages. Included in the workbook is content for in-classroom use, interim classroom activities, assessments, tools for dialogue, and lists extensive resources. Joan designed the content in a way that created interaction and skill practice in the classroom.
 - Curriculum has been updated 15 times in 22 years.
 - Joan designed extensive pre-class activities to reduce class time.
 - Joan designed a certification process for attendees and created a curriculum-based designation: CEAP (Certified Executive Administrative Professional) outlining an entire process for achievement
 - Joan designed two additional programs:
 - Star Meteor™ (a full-day workshop with a workbook)
 - Star Achievement Series® Refresher Course (a full-day workshop with a workbook)
- Star Achievement Series® Trainer Certification Course
 - Joan wrote in-depth, detailed, comprehensive Instructor Guides for Levels I, II, and III detailing learning objectives, time agendas, pre-class preparation, formats, scripts, overviews, special trainers notes and more. These are highly-effective, user-friendly guides that ensure success to the individuals being certified to teach within their own organization.
- Star Achievement Series® Certified Trainers' Continuing Education Courses
 - Designed and strategically mapped out three days of learning for three different courses
 - Wrote several presentations to facilitate during the courses
 - Designed engaging, creative learning activities
 - Designed the participant in-depth workbooks for each course
- Star Manager™
 - Designed 10 modules (two – three hours each)
 - Designed the participants workbook for 10 modules
 - Designed comprehensive Instructor Guides
- World Class Assistant™ program offers two levels of learning
 - Designed the content, learning activities, and quizzes for Part 1 and Part 2 courses; each is 2 ½ days
 - Joan designed a certification process for this program and created a curriculum-based designation: CWCA (Certified World Class Assistant)
- Mastering Exceptional Self-Leadership Certification Program, A 2-day Mega Training Event (6 Cities)
 - Designed the entire program including learning activities, participants workbook and any content-related information

- Presented the two-day mega event
- Created a process for attendees to achieve their Self-Leadership Certification
- Designed More Than 30 Standalone Presentations, Workshops And Seminars Including Some Of The Following:
 - From Chaos to Control™
 - Fighting Office Dragons™
 - Eggs & Attitudes™
 - Communicating Effectively for Results-Oriented Teamwork
 - Creative Problem Solving for Career Success
 - Becoming An Inner Circle Assistant
 - Dynamic Course Development: A Workshop for Trainers
 - Life Management: Juggling Work, Home & Your Personal Life
 - Personal Mastery: Embracing an Attitude and Responsibility
 - Thriving on Change

Joan designed and delivered each program and participant materials for each program. They range from one-hour to three-day workshops.

- 20+ Conferences For Administrative Excellence
 - Created, presented and hosted more than 20 conferences
 - Engaged up to 300 attendees through educational presentations
 - Wrote speeches and participant handouts for each conference
 - Conceptually designed the flow of each conference and each theme for the event
 - Collaborated with Creative to present meaningful visuals
 - Created her own videos for 'edutainment' at conferences
 - Designed concurrent session presentations with participant handouts
- Over 100 Educational Videos including the best-selling *26 Weeks to Administrative Excellence*; can be accessed via OfficeDynamics.com and Office Dynamics YouTube Channel
 - Designed and presented each program with excellence
- Online Learning Programs For Administrative Professionals
 - Designed the entire video learning programs including participants worksheets or booklets
 - Delivered each content-rich program with energy and creativity
- Author Of 8 Books
 - *Give Yourself Permission to Live a BIG Life*
 - *Who Took My Pen . . . Again?*
 - *Underneath It All*
 - *Become An Inner Circle Assistant*
 - *Real World Communication Strategies That Work*
 - *Remarkable Women*

- *The Survival Guide For Secretaries And Administrative Assistants*
- *A Survival Guide For The Novice Entrepreneur*

Creator of Innovative Learning Activities

Joan has a distinctive talent for engaging learners on a deep level through comprehensive programs, educational booklets and workbooks, blogs and e-zines. As one participant said, "*Joan gets inside your head and heart and helps you change your perspective.*" This is the outgrowth of her ability to engage people in the learning process and inspire behavior change. Joan has a knack for utilizing props and everyday items to reinforce her concepts leading to post-class retention.

A Reputation of Excellence

Office Dynamics is proud to call some of the world's best-known companies, institutions and organizations "clients." To have earned a reputation for excellence among those who define its meaning is, to us, proof of success. Joan Burge consistently exceeds expectations. (Partial client listing.)

AT&T	Lockheed Martin
Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son Ltd.	LSI
Boeing Co.	McDermott Will & Emery, LLP
Caterpillar Inc.	McDonalds
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Michigan State University
Churchill Downs	National Association of Realtors
Cisco Systems	Nationwide Insurance
DC Water & Sewer Authority	Nokia
Department of the Army	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.
Department of the Navy	Procter & Gamble
Detroit Edison	Rockwell Collins
Elanco Animal Health	Sandia Laboratories
Eli Lilly & Co.	Sands Expo & Convention Center
Forrester Construction	Schwan Foods
Geisinger Health System	Spectrum Health Systems
Honeywell	Sunoco
Humana Inc.	US Airways
IAAP (various chapters)	Utah State University
Kindred Healthcare	
LensCrafters	



ASTD Areas of Expertise for the Training & Development Profession

Area of Expertise	Description	Joan's Years of Hands-on Performance
Performance Improvement	Applying a systematic process of discovering and analyzing human performance gaps; planning for future improvements in human performance; designing and developing solutions to close performance gaps; partnering with the customer when identifying the opportunity and the solution; implementing the solution; monitoring the change; evaluating the results	23
Instructional Design	Designing, creating, and developing informal and formal learning solutions to meet organizational needs; analyzing and selecting the most appropriate strategy, methodologies, and technologies to maximize the learning experience and impact	23
Training Delivery	Delivering informal and formal learning solutions in a manner that both engages the learner and produces the desired outcomes; managing and responding to learner needs	23
Evaluating Learning Impact	Gathering, organizing, and analyzing information regarding the impact of learning solutions against key business drivers; presenting the information in a way that is meaningful to the organization;	23
Managing Learning Programs	Providing leadership to execute the client's strategy; planning, monitoring, and adjusting learning	23
Integrated Talent Management	Changing the organization's culture and perception of the administrative role to meet the modern-day role, leading to a new way of thinking about the profession; higher retention rates	23
Coaching	Using interactive process to help individuals develop rapidly and produce results; improving other's ability to set goals, take action, make better decisions, and make full use of their natural strengths	19
Knowledge Management	Capturing, distributing, and archiving intellectual capital	23
Change Management	Applying structured approaches to shift individuals, teams, and organization from a current state to a desired state	23

Joan Burge, Founder & CEO, Office Dynamics International Administrative Visionary and Expert



Joan Burge is known as the red-lipstick-wearing “Rock Star” of administrative and executive assistant training and a successful entrepreneur who created a unique business niche by founding a movement to help administrators see themselves as professionals so they could excel in business.

Joan is an accomplished author, writer, speaker, consultant and corporate trainer after 23+ years of hard work, dedication, and sheer “*No is not an option!*” attitude.

In 1990, she created a business in an untapped niche, overcoming monumental obstacles involving corporations’ and managers’ attitudes, prejudices and stereotypes about executive assistants and administrative professionals. She dedicated herself to inspiring excellence and encouraging administrative professionals to reach for the stars! Her company, Office Dynamics International, is a global industry leader which offers a broad range of solutions and providing high-performance, sophisticated executive and administrative assistant training and coaching.

One thing is clear: Executive assistants, their executives, HR business partners, administrators and managers have come to rely on Office Dynamics International, because “only Joan is Joan.” Joan Burge is an original; the foremost expert in the demanding field of management support. She put in the hard work and high investment required to earn the reputational excellence and uncompromising trust of leaders in business. She illuminates through her empowering teaching, building better work relationships between executives and their assistants.

Joan’s never-ending quest to provide top-notch educational programs has earned the respect of premier clients like Cisco Systems, AT&T, Kindred Healthcare, The Boeing Co., Humana Inc., Sunoco, Nokia, Procter & Gamble, Nationwide Insurance, and Chevron.

Joan is best known for her highly-acclaimed Star Achievement Series® course which promotes “Star Performance” among executive assistants and administrative staff. This flagship training program has inspired thousands of administrative professionals to achieve excellence.

She is the creator and host of the *Annual Conference for Administrative Excellence™* (started in 1993); the *World Class Assistant™* Certification course; *Mastering Exceptional Self-Leadership* Certification course; and more than 40 customized workshops and seminars for executive and administrative assistants. She created several educational video series for assistants including *26 Weeks to Administrative Excellence*, *Reality Check*, *Adminology™* and *Now Is the Time*.

Joan has authored four groundbreaking books for administrative professionals including the 2012 hot new release and Amazon Best Seller - *Who Took My Pen ... Again? Secrets from Dynamic Executive Assistants*. Her administrative-career “bibles” entitled *Become an Inner Circle Assistant* and *Underneath It All* continue to be favorites among executive and administrative assistants worldwide.

She is a member of the American Society for Training & Development, National Speakers Association Las Vegas Chapter, Society for Human Resource Management, and Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.



Office Dynamics International is the first administrative- dedicated training and development company whose CEO's credentials include:

- A wealth of hands-on experience and specialized knowledge gained through 20 years administrative experience.
- A rare perspective having worked on *both sides* of the desk; including 20 years in the administrative profession and more than 20 years as an executive.
- Designing superb training through premier coaching and educational products (books, workbooks, videos, webinars, blogs, CDs, DVDs) and conferences.
- Wowing audiences across the country with her no-nonsense brand of wisdom, wit and expertise as a seasoned, highly sought-after professional speaker who relates to younger career workers and experienced professionals alike.
- Working side-by-side with executives and assistants daily. Joan is still in the trenches, relating, guiding, listening to, and inspiring administrative professionals and their leaders every day! Joan Burge is on-site, in small and big offices spanning a wide spectrum of industries, seeing first-hand the challenges, obstacles, and opportunities for success.

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