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Chris serves as a leadership coach for the M.B.A. programs at The University of Georgia. She also has a career coaching practice and has worked with a wide range of clients from young professionals to senior executives. She enjoys working with clients to help them discover their unique talents and engage them in ways that produce clarity and action in achieving their goals. Chris has held leadership roles at the Terry College of Business at The University of Georgia and the Krannert Graduate School of Management at Purdue University. She has extensive experience coaching students, designing and delivering workshops and leading teams. Prior to launching Affinity Leadership Group, Chris served on the senior leadership team for the M.B.A. programs at The University of Georgia. She also managed the leadership coaching experience for the Executive M.B.A. program for students, faculty and coaches.

Chris earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Purdue University. She is certified in The Leadership Circle Profile, The Leadership Circle Culture Survey, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Strong Interest Inventory. She will receive her professional coaching certification through the Coaches Training Institute in 2011 and is a member of the Georgia Coaches Association. When she is not working, Chris enjoys rowing her boat on the Chattahoochee, hiking and climbing in beautiful parks and discovering new places to explore off the beaten path. Chris resides in Atlanta.



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