

Carol A. Vallone

Carol Vallone is an edtech innovator with a stellar track record in launching and scaling multiple market leading education technology and services companies. In 1999 she launched WebCT Inc., the company that defined and delivered the premier e-learning solution for colleges and universities. As Board Chair, President & CEO, Vallone built a global higher education customer base of almost two thousand institutions in seventy countries, and successfully sold the company in 2006.

In 2008 Vallone served as Board Chair, then took over as President & CEO of Wimba Corporation, a leader in virtual collaboration software for higher education. Vallone spearheaded global expansion, launched new products, and led the company through a successful sale in 2010. For the last five years, Vallone served as CEO and board member of Meteor Learning, a company she launched that is focused on enabling top-ranked higher education institutions to close workforce skill gaps by delivering high-quality, online, employer-aligned degrees for working professionals. In 2017, she successfully secured new control investors. She is now focused on her passion in healthcare and brings the same level of enthusiasm and innovation she brought to the edtech industry to the organizations she works closely with in the healthcare sector.

Vallone currently serves on the board of trustees and chairs the Strategy and Ventures Committees at McLean Hospital, a major teaching facility of Harvard Medical School that is world renowned for its research in neuroscience and psychiatric clinical services. She also serves on the board of trustees and is a member of the Finance and Business Development Committees at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, a post- secondary institution offering graduate degrees in health sciences.

For over ten years she served on the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council (MTLC). As the MTLC Education Foundation Chair, Vallone spearheaded an effort to re-write the Massachusetts Department of Education's Instructional Technology Standards with a focus on integrating technology into the curriculum.

Vallone also served as a member of the National School-to-Work Advisory Council during the Clinton Administration where she worked with the U.S. Secretaries of Labor and Education to integrate school and career activities. She has twice testified before the US Congress - for the Web-based Education Commission on the Internet, and for the Distance Learning and the Future of the Research University hearing. Vallone also provided testimony to the New York Education Reform Commission, a panel formed by Governor Andrew Cuomo, to make recommendations for improving New York's education system.

A frequent spokesperson on educational technology, she has appeared globally in education industry print publications, nationally on CNN Headline News, and on Boston-based television news and radio programs. She is proud to be a contributing author of John Ebersole's & William Patrick's recently published book, "Learning at the Speed of Light: How Online Education Got to Now". Her chapter is entitled, "Building an Industry with an Industry, Perspectives from an Online Learning Innovator".