

# Congratulations! You've Arrived!



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As a leader, an executive, and an aspiring board director, you are on an exciting journey – one filled with challenges and victories. In the last 12 months, throughout this series, you have learned about the road that might be ahead for you and how to be successful on your Journey to a Board Seat.

To review, you learned about the three “lanes” on the path:

1. You
2. Your Network
3. Your Learning.

**You.** You discovered the six steps on the journey to a board seat as described by the experts on this path, The Athena Alliance, whose membership opportunities offer you a guide. Those six steps once again are:

- 1 – The Journey Planning Strategy
- 2 – Your Executive Board Package
- 3 – Voice and Presence
- 4 – Thought Leadership and Presentation
- 5 – Personal Positioning and PR Strategy
- 6 – Network Leverage and Enhancement.

**Your Network.** You also learned the three important ways you can maximize your network:

- Mentoring
- Connections
- Exposure.

**Your Learning.** Finally, you were introduced to Athena's Virtual Salons – ongoing learning opportunities to help you be successful as you grow into the leader, executive, or board director you aspire to be.

Hopefully this overview of the Journey to a Board Seat has been helpful to you, in that it has given you a way to prepare yourself for this exciting phase of your career. Whether you decide to walk this path slowly or speed your way through, The Athena Alliance is there to help. They can be found at [www.TheAthenaAlliance.org](http://www.TheAthenaAlliance.org).

Whether you are interested in their Aspiring Director Accelerator Program because you're currently on a Journey to a Board Seat – or if you'd benefit from their Rising Executive Accelerator Program for leaders stepping up in their leadership roles – either way, you will be well supported by the extensive learning and community filled with women like you.

**Next Steps:**

If you've enjoyed this series, The Journey to a Board Seat, be sure to connect with me for future newsletters, article series, and learning opportunities.

To join me, go to [www.JoelleKJay.com](http://www.JoelleKJay.com) and register for my Updates & Insights.

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And, if I can help you in any way, as an Executive Coach I'm here to support you, so reach out anytime. You may email me directly at [Info@JoelleKJay.com](mailto:Info@JoelleKJay.com).

Thank you for joining me on the journey, GOOD LUCK, and let's stay connected!

Until next time,



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