

## Barbara Grandinetti

*President*

### **The Challenge Program, Inc.**



Barbara Grandinetti grew The Challenge Program, Inc., from a grassroots organization to a multi-state nonprofit that connects businesses and education. In the last 15 years, the program has grown from one school to more than 100 in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. The program has been presented to more than 500,000 students and has distributed more than \$4 million to well-deserving high school students.

Prior to establishing The Challenge Program, Inc., Grandinetti worked for PREIT in Philadelphia as vice president and at Crown American Realty Trust in Johnstown. In 2004, she was asked to head up a new non-profit program and The Challenge Program, Inc. was born.

Grandinetti is a graduate of Mount Aloysius College and Rowe Business College.

Grandinetti feels the work she does is both rewarding and challenging.

“(I enjoy) making a difference in the lives of our youth and helping to connect students to career opportunities,” she said.

She was recently named among the 50 Brightest in Pittsburgh and was promoted to resident of The Challenge Program, Inc.

Grandinetti is married. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, knitting, crocheting and spending time with her family.