

# Advisory Board Profile

*Peggy Gardner*



Peggy is the Senior Director of Public Relations and social media at UPS. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Journalism, and earned her MBA from Georgia State University.

She has worked in many areas of communications: journalism, political affairs, agency, nonprofit and corporate communications and began her career in Columbus, MS at WCBI Radio and TV. She is married to a Columbus, MS native.

Her advice to students applies to many aspects of the professional world. She reminds students to network because those connections can be tremendously valuable. Also she encourages students to build diverse skills through different internships and extracurricular activities.

“Your first job out of college may not be what you planned. Be flexible and adaptable. Look for opportunities to get out of your comfort zone because that’s where you grow most,” Gardner said.

**“Get out of your comfort zone.”**



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