Meet the Keynote Speaker

Donna Cardillo, MA, RN, CSP (Certified Speaking Professional) is “The Inspiration Nurse”.

As a keynote speaker, columnist, author, and cut-up, Donna travels the world helping women and healthcare professionals to be happy in their lives and careers and to reach their full potential. Her accomplished career combines over 25 years of clinical, managerial and business experience, not to mention her stint as a professional singer.

Donna’s clinical experience includes emergency and psychiatric nursing. She holds a diploma in nursing, a BS in Health Care Management, and an MA in Corporate and Public Communication. Donna is an Expert Blogger at DoctorOz.com, the original ‘Dear Donna’ advice columnist at Nurse.com, and former “Healthcare Careers Expert” at Monster.com.

Donna Cardillo has twice been named Business Woman of the Year in New Jersey and has also received the coveted Athena Award, a national leadership award for women. She was designated a Diva in Nursing by the Institute for Nursing in NJ for outstanding achievements and excellence in practice. In addition, she has been named one of 50 Best Women in Business by NJBIZ. Donna appears regularly on television and radio, is frequently quoted in newspapers and magazines, and has published numerous articles. She has appeared on The Dr. Oz Show and the Today show and has been featured in the Los Angeles Times newspaper on several occasions.

Donna’s most recent book, Falling Together: How to Find Balance, Joy, and Meaningful Change When Your Life Seems to Be Falling Apart, was published in the spring of 2016. She has also authored a number of other useful and inciteful books: Your 1st Year as a Nurse: Making the Transition from Total Novice to Successful Professional, The ULTIMATE Career Guide for Nurses: Practical Advice for Thriving at Every Stage of Your Career, and A Day Book for Beginning Nurses.