

Tara Abraham

As Chairman and Co-CEO of Accel Inc., Tara Abraham leads a premier assembly manufacturer specializing in meeting the demanding standards of Fortune 500 clients in the personal care and beauty space. Prior to her 1995 founding of Accel, Tara was a Merchant at Bath & Body works; she later moved to Bristol Myers Squibb where she was Product Development Manager for Biolage Haircare.

Tara has overseen twenty years of Accel's growth from a 1,200 square foot walk-in and a handful of staff to its current 517,000 square foot home in New Albany with peak seasonal employment of 1,000+. Accel's client list includes Bath & Body Works, Victoria's Secret, Cardinal Health and Honeywell, as well as a large baby formula and nutrition company. Tara co-owns LGS staffing a temporary staffing agency founded in 2012. LGS has grown to include a database of 4,500 associates focused on beauty care and other light manufacturing.

Tara serves on the Board of Directors of People's Bancorp Inc. (Nasdaq PEBO) and is on the Audit, Risk, Trust and Foundation Committees. Tara is active in the Central Ohio community as a past or present Board Member of American Heart Association, United Way of Central Ohio, Ohio Health's Kobacker Hospice, Ohio State University College of Education/Human Ecology Retail and Fashion Studies Advisory (Past Chair), New Albany Chamber of Commerce (Chair Emeritus). Tara is a long term, dedicated supporter of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), serving on its Board and as Chair of the Leadership Forum. She represented WBENC on the National Women's Business Council from 2011-2014 representing women's organizations to the President and Congress. She is also a WBENC Woman of Distinction

In 2016 Tara received the Smart Woman-Progressive Award and the Conway Center for Family Business-Re-Invention Award and in 2017 she was recognized as on the 2017 Women of Achievement by the YWCA.

Tara holds a Bachelor's degree in Fashion Merchandising with an emphasis in Marketing from The Ohio State University. She has received continuing education at Kellogg's School of Management, Harvard University, and The Ohio State University.