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Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis

Mary Ann Corrigan Davis has earned wide recognition for accomplishment in business and educational leadership. She is a senior vice president at American Greetings Corporation, the world's largest publicly held creator, manufacturer and distributor of greeting cards and social expression products.

Since joining the company as a sales representative in 1977 she has held many senior roles, including vice president of product management and, while living in Australia, managing director of the Asia-Pacific Group. As head of American Greetings' international operations, she tripled the size of the business in five years. Also, she has been president and now is a director of Carlton Cards, Ltd., Dublin, an American Greetings subsidiary.

Named senior vice president of business innovation in 2000, Corrigan-Davis led a successful corporate-wide restructure and change initiative. She now directs the corporation's information services division and strategic planning and initiatives.

One of seven children born to Eileen Hopkins Corrigan and Hon. John V. Corrigan, her second generation Irish roots go back to Achill Island and Crossmolina in County Mayo. She and her husband, Edward J. Davis, live in Rocky River and are members of St. Malachi Parish. She made her first trip to Ireland at the age of 19 and has made frequent trips back there ever since.

A cum laude graduate of John Carroll University in 1975, she earned a master's degree in management from Case Western Reserve University in 1976 and also has a diploma for undergraduate work at the Sorbonne in Paris.

An active supporter of Catholic education at the elementary, secondary and university levels, Corrigan-Davis was awarded the John Carroll University Alumni Medal in 1994 and was inducted into the St. Joseph Academy Hall of Fame in 1996. She continues to chair the St. Joseph board of trustees, is a board member at John Carroll and a board member, too, of the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice. Additional recognition was bestowed in 1998 when Irish America Magazine named her among "The 100 Most Powerful Irish Americans in Corporate America." Most recently she was a recipient of the 2002 Greater Cleveland YWCA Women of Achievement Award. And now she joins her father as one of our IAAS Walks of Life honorees.

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