

Prudence Bushnell

- Mentor
- Senior leadership practitioner.
- Crisis management expert.
- Acclaimed public speaker on topics ranging from foreign policy to women's leadership.
- Leadership development & training innovator.



Pru promotes the practice of leadership through talks and workshops for people currently in the workplace and those aspiring to it.

The interest began with a career in management training & grew after she joined the U.S. Foreign Service & held series of leadership positions, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1993-1996), Ambassador to the Republics of Kenya (1996-1999) & Guatemala (1999-2002), & Dean of the Leadership & Management School at the Foreign Service Institute (2002-2005). She founded the Levitt Leadership Institute at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY (2012).

Her experiences during the Rwanda genocide (1994) & the al Qaeda attack on the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya (1998) formed many of her insights about personal & policy leadership skills.

Her written works on leadership & terrorism were published by the New York Times, the Cambridge University Press & the Foreign Service Journal. Pru is sought out as a public speaker, she frequently appears as a guest on television & radio news programs.

Her efforts to bring attention to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda were featured in the 2005 film, *Sometimes in April*, in which she is portrayed by actress Debra Winger. She is one of three ambassadors highlighted in the National Geographic special, *Inside an Embassy*.

Born in Washington, DC & educated in Germany, France, Pakistan & Iran, Ambassador Bushnell currently lives in the Washington, DC area.

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Awards & Recognition

- "20 All Time Greatest Feds," Government Executive Magazine (2011)
- "Rising Voice of Women Award," Women's International Associates of Chicago (2010)
- Service to America Career Achievement Award (2004)
- Peace through Commerce Award (1998)
- Nairobi Mission Award for Heroism (1998)
- Numerous internal awards from the Department of State (1981-2005)
- Hall of Fame, Vanity Fair Magazine (1998)
- Top Ten Women of the Year, Glamour Magazine (1998)
- Honorary Doctorates from Hartwick College, Russell Sage College, & Misericordia University

Education

B.A. in Liberal Arts, University of Maryland
M.S. in Public Administration, Russell Sage College

Positions

- Leadership Consultant
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