

**KATHLEEN T. SNYDER, CCE
PRESIDENT/CEO
MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Kathy's background includes more than 20 years as a chamber executive. She has served as President and CEO of the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce since October 1999. The Maryland Chamber has 840 business members who employ 440,000 people in the State. Its statewide mission is to maximize opportunities for its members and their employees to grow and prosper through legislative advocacy, business connections and timely communications. She was named Chamber Executive of the Year in May 2007 by the Maryland Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Prior to her service at the Maryland Chamber, Kathy worked for seven years (1992-1999) as President/CEO of the Alexandria, Virginia, Chamber of Commerce and won the Chamber Executive of the Year Award in 1996 through the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

For more than five years (1987-1992), she served as Executive Vice President of the Prince George's County Chamber in Maryland. Prior to her chamber experience, Kathy worked in a public information capacity for the Prince George's County, MD Public Schools and for Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.

In 2001, 2003 and 2006, Kathy was named by the Daily Record as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and is a member of the Daily Record's Circle of Excellence.

Kathy earned her CCE (certified chamber executive) designation in October 2000 and is one of only 500 chamber executives throughout the country with this designation.

Kathy is a lifelong Marylander and holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Maryland – College Park. She earned a master's degree in public relations from The American University in Washington, D.C.