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Dr. Oblinger has held positions in business and academia. She served as the Vice President for Information Resources and the Chief Information Officer for the 16-campus University of North Carolina system where she was responsible for strategic planning and policy development for information technology as well as for collaborative programs in teaching and learning with technology, student services, and IT procurement. She was on the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia and at Michigan State University. At the University of Missouri, she served as an academic dean and was recognized for her work in student recruitment, retention, faculty development and student computing. In addition, she served as a Senior Fellow for the EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research.

While employed by two major technology firms, Oblinger continued her focus on higher education. At Microsoft she served as the Executive Director of Higher Education. She also held a variety of management positions within IBM's higher education division. In addition, she was the IBM Director of the Institute for Academic Technology.

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Oblinger is a frequent keynote speaker as well as the co-author of the book *What Business Wants from Higher Education* which received the 1999 Frandson Award for best literature in continuing education. She is co-editor of six books: *The Learning Revolution*, *The Future Compatible Campus*, *Renewing Administration*, *E is for Everything*, *Best Practices in Student Services*, and *Educating the Net Generation*. She is the author or co-author of dozens of monographs and articles on higher education and technology.

Dr. Oblinger has received outstanding teaching and research awards and was named Young Alumnus of the Year by Iowa State University. She holds three degrees from Iowa State University: a B.S. in Botany, an M.S. in Plant Breeding and a Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Cytogenetics. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi.