University of New Hampshire
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November 2026 Program

November 2026 Combined CEO/CFE Program—



Guest Speaker
Kathy Garfield

Transition Advisor
Keller Companies, Inc.

Kathy Garfield is the third generation of a family business, Keller Companies Inc., that holds several other companies including: Kalwall, large-scale skylights and day lighting solutions; Structures Unlimited, design build enclosures utilizing the Kalwall panel; Kal Lite, wall and ceiling panels; and Keller Products Inc, premium OEM percussion shells and cylinders.

Keller Companies traces its roots back more than 80 years to Manchester, NH, where they still operate today. Founded by Robert R. Keller Sr., a pioneer in material innovation, the company grew from WWII defense-grade laminations to commercial products including furniture components, surfers, and early snowboards. These early innovations led to the invention of the Kalwall panel. Kalwall Corporation and Structures Unlimited grew into the anchor businesses of the Keller Family. More than 400 employees across multiple Keller divisions carry forward the legacy of innovation and American craftsmanship, making this company one of New Hampshire's largest private employers.

In 2026, the board and leadership of Keller Companies Inc. made the decision to sell 3 of their businesses. Kathy, a former Chair of the NH Business & Industry of New Hampshire Board of Directors, will speak to us about her own professional path and about the decision-making process and steps involved in the transition from a family owned and operated business to an outside corporate entity.



Guest Speaker
Ron Wright

Founder/Principal Advisor
Pinnacle Logistic Advisors LLC

TALENT: How to think about retaining top talent in your business for the long term

Great businesses grow when great people grow with them. This discussion will help business owners think differently about attracting, retaining, and developing top talent through every stage of the business cycle—from periods of rapid growth and acquisition to slower seasons that require efficiency, resilience, and creativity. We'll explore practical ways to keep high-potential team members challenged, prepare the next generation of leaders even when promotions are limited, and turn business change into opportunity. Attendees will leave with fresh perspective and actionable ideas for building a stronger, more committed team for the long term.

November 19, 2026

Three Chimneys Inn
Durham, NH

8:00 a.m.
Light breakfast, networking

9–10:00 a.m.
Kathy Garfield

10:15 - Noon
Ron Wright

Noon - 1:00 p.m.— Lunch

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