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COACH KATHY KEMPER is CEO and Founder of the Institute for Education (IFE), a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit committed to engaging the global community to harness the power of soft diplomacy, data, and innovation. In 2019, Kemper was recognized, alongside Jeff Bezos, as one of Washington Life Magazine' "Tech 25", a prestigious honor reserved for top technology innovators and disruptors. Extolled as "D.C.'s Networker-in-Chief" by U.S. News and World Report, Coach Kemper regularly convenes timely salons, forums, intimate discussions and invitation-only gatherings that draw senior White House and Congressional leaders, distinguished ambassadors and diplomats, business executives, journalists and technology innovators for debate and discussion. Past speakers have included Supreme Court Justices, a Vice President, Senators, Ambassadors, Nobel laureates, Cabinet secretaries, United States Chief Technology Officers, CEOs, and more.

A former professional tennis player, Coach Kemper served as head Women's Tennis Coach at Georgetown University from 1978 to 1990, and coached Georgetown's No. 1 player to the NCAA National Women's Division II title in 1983. Coach has spent more than 40 years coaching tennis for Washington's power brokers — hitting the courts with Supreme Court Justices, kings, queens, and United States Secretaries of State through six administrations at the White House court, Senate court and Embassy courts. Kemper has received awards and recognition from the Swedish, Chinese, and Japanese governments for her commitment to cross-cultural dialogue. In 2017, 3 U.S. CTOs awarded the Challenge Coin to Coach Kemper for her bipartisan leadership in technology. A frequent op-ed writer and columnist, her work has been featured in *The Hill, Roll Call, The Globalist, Huffington Post and USA Today*.