

## Cindy Pekarul Promoted to Vice President and Group Controller of CNN Worldwide



Cindy Pekarul was recently promoted to the position of Vice President and Group Controller, CNN Worldwide. She began her professional career at Ernst & Young in Atlanta after earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master's in Accounting from the University of Florida. She earned her CPA at Ernst & Young and, after a series of promotions, became a manager in Ernst & Young's audit group. Cindy then moved to the client side of the aisle and into a number of increasingly broad finance and accounting roles. Immediately before joining Turner in 2005 as the Controller of the Cartoon Network, Cindy was Vice President and Controller at Allied Holdings Inc., a \$900 million public international transportation company. During her career she has had varied responsibilities including financial reporting requirements, managing external and internal audit relationships, oversight of a PeopleSoft financial package conversion and has led a Company's Disclosure Committee and SOX compliance requirements.

Cindy is also a new member of the Fisher School of Accounting Advisory Council, which is committed to the goals of academic excellence. The Advisory Council provides a channel of communications between the Fisher School's faculty and the business community that the school serves, and an outside voice to the University administration relative to the School's needs, directions and activities. It also assists the Fisher School in recruiting and retaining students and faculty of the highest quality and helps the School maintain accreditation of the accounting program by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.