



**Bio: Ashley T. Brundage** is the Founder and President of Empowering Differences. While seeking employment at PNC Bank, she overcame harassment, discrimination, and homelessness to empower her differences. Not just her status as a transgender woman but also missing the chance to go to college growing up due to her transition. Gender, Education, Ability, and Religion played key parts in her journey of empowerment. Starting her second career as a part time teller she rose to

National Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion in less than 5 years. She captured this 4-step process of using empowerment to cultivate change in her research on differences and their connection to empowerment. Ashley credits her success to those closest to her for providing actionable allyship including her 2 teenage sons, Bryce and Blake.