

# UCI Paul Merage School of Business

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Financial Literacy Program

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Scharrell Talley Jackson**  
**Partner, Chief Operations and Financial Officer**  
**Executive Business Leader/Speaker**



Scharrell Jackson has served as an executive in the field of Finance/Accounting and Operations for over 25 years, working in industries such as Professional Services, Real Estate, Construction and Manufacturing, in positions such as Controller, VP of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. She is known for her remarkable business acumen and her commitment to developing leadership attributes in others, streamlining business operations and automating processes that drive growth and increase efficiency and bottom line profit.

Scharrell is a Partner, COO/CFO of Squar Milner LLP, one of the nation's 70 largest accounting firms. She has been with Squar Milner over 17 years and has played an integral role in the firm's growth and success, executing multiple mergers that have expanded the firm's footprint and increased revenues and profit. She also provides executive leadership to the Accounting, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Administrative teams.

She is actively involved in all operational aspects of the firm, and serves as a strategic partner, working directly with the Managing Partner and Executive Committee. Scharrell serves on Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Human Options; an organization committed to restoring hope and rebuilding the lives of battered women and their children and on the Board of Directors for Big

Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, whose purpose is for every child to have the opportunity to succeed in life and live up to their full potential. To strengthen the Southern California community, Scharrell has served on the boards of Girls Inc. of Orange County, Working Wardrobes and has also established a philanthropic team at Squar Milner, in partnership with organizations such as WHW, March of Dimes and the American Heart Association to name a few. Scharrell is also a highly sought-after dynamic and engaging keynote speaker and emcee. Many have benefited from her message on a variety of topics such as Authentic Leadership, Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Gender Communication Gap, Corporate Culture, Business Growth/Strategy, Diversity, Leading Millennials in the 21st Century, to name a few. Scharrell founded "Leadership in Heels", a professional Speaker Series, for the sole purpose of making a significant difference professionally and personally in the lives of others. Scharrell is a current member of the Concordia University's President's Advisory Council and University of California, Irvine Center for Investment and Wealth Management Advisory Board. She is an active member of Saddleback Church and hosts a weekly bible study for women in her home. Scharrell is a single mother of three amazing sons, whom she dedicates her life to, and enjoys mentoring, motivating others as well as spending time with her family and friends.