Pursuing a master’s degree later proved to be a smart and sound decision for Phyllis Hartman.

Hartman, now an adjunct instructor for La Roche College’s human resources management program, said the personalized attention from La Roche faculty was the key to her success. “I wasn't sure I could be successful,” she said. “The caring, individual attention I received kept me going when I confronted challenges.”

Currently she works as the founder and president of PGHR Consulting, Inc., providing human resources consulting services to a wide range of businesses. Previously Hartman served as a board member, officer and president of PHRA, the Pittsburgh chapter of Society for HR Management (SHRM). She has been an active leader at the Pennsylvania State SHRM and Northeast Region levels. She was accepted as a member of the SHRM national Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Expert Panel in 2013. Hartman co-authored the book “Never Get Lost Again: Navigating Your HR Career.”

Hartman was elected to the Homeless Children’s Education Fund’s board of trustees and currently serves as vice chair.