**Nina Holden, CFRE**, has been a passionate advocate for the fundraising profession for two decades, impacting the City of Detroit and the Southeastern Michigan region. Nina has shown exemplary leadership on the Board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, including her involvement in the AFP mentorship program. She was also named the 2016 Outstanding Fund Raising Professional, the chapter’s highest professional award.

Nina’s local fundraising career began after returning to Southeast Michigan in 1998, working at the Detroit-based Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) where she later became a Board Member, then at Vista Maria, both social service agencies.

In 2004, St. John Hospital and Medical Center tapped Holden to lead fundraising efforts as its Chief Development Officer. In her role, Holden headed a team of 9 fundraisers responsible for raising $24 million in FY 2007. She also oversaw a $30 million capital campaign, and was instrumental in assembling a new local board of directors for the St. John Hospital Foundation which included many second-generation business professionals with a family heritage of giving. That same year, 2007, Holden was named to Crain’s 40 under 40.

Holden was named Vice President for Institutional Advancement at College for Creative Studies (CCS) in 2007. There, Holden oversaw the marketing and public relations teams, as well as the development team, which raised $58 million for the redevelopment of the General Motors Argonaut building, into CCS’s A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education, personally securing numerous multi-million dollar gifts. Additionally, under her leadership, CCS’s signature fund raising event, the Detroit International Wine Auction, which supports undergraduate student scholarships and free art classes for Detroit kids has more than doubled its revenue, raising more than $15 million since 2008. Holden’s tenure at CCS during a critical period in Detroit’s recent history, helped to enhance the College’s stature as an anchor institution in the city.

In April of 2018, Holden was named Sr. VP, Chief Development Officer of the Detroit Institute of Arts, where she is charged with rebuilding the Development team, leading annual fund raising, and overseeing fund raising to increase the museum’s endowment to $400 million +.

Nina Holden’s fundraising accomplishments at organizations she has worked and volunteered for have helped shaped the landscape of Detroit. With her stellar reputation for fundraising, ethics and mentorship of others, Nina Holden is a shining example of a new generation of philanthropy professionals, taking a leading role in transforming society and inspiring other individuals by example.