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Dr. Wendy Cukier is Vice-President of Research and Innovation, Ryerson University and founder of the Diversity Institute, Ryerson University. She is a Professor of Information Technology Management and has served as Associate Dean, Academic at Ryerson's Ted Rogers School of Management, Canada's largest undergraduate business school.

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She was named one of the "100 Alumni who shaped the Century" by the University of Toronto. In 2011 she was named one of 25 Transformational Canadians by the Globe and Mail/Lapresse/CTV. In 1999, she received the Governor General's Meritorious Service Cross, one of Canada's highest Civilian Honours.

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