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Karen Dill Bowerman (karenbowerman.com) has over 30 years of professional experience in higher education as professor of business and Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at California State University, San Bernardino where she was named *Dean Emeritus*. She has worked with business managers at every level in areas of strategic management, legal aspects of human resources management, project management and leadership. Karen has co-authored textbooks in business leadership including *The Business of Leadership* and written a range of teaching materials for textbooks in administrative theory and human resources.

She was a former examiner applying Baldrige National Quality Program criteria for productivity awards in business, appointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the Inland Empire District Export Council, and holds many awards for bridging academic programs to the communities she has served. A "*Dean Karen Dill Bowerman Endowed Scholarship*" was established at California State University, San Bernardino for business students in perpetuity.

Current service to the region includes a 4-year term as elected City Councilor - City of Lake Oswego, Board of the Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency, and mentorship to both start-up enterprises and firms ready for growth who seek strategic advising. She is active in her political party and enjoys travel.

In her early career, Karen worked with two different governors – one in Kansas and the other in Texas where she was Executive Director of the Texas Commission on the Status of Women.

Karen earned her Ph.D. in Administration from Texas A&M University where she was named the "Outstanding Graduate Student" for academics, research and service from over 2,000 doctoral students, a Masters in Speech Communication from Kansas University and undergraduate degrees in political science and speech communications from Wichita State University.

Karen and her husband Earl have four children.

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