

Susan Butler is CEO of The Susan Bulkeley Butler Institute for the Development of Women Leaders. Prior to founding the Institute, Susan established herself as an accomplished business leader who shaped her career at Accenture, the world's leading management consulting, technology services and outsourcing organization. She joined Arthur Andersen & Co. as its first professional female employee in 1965, and 14 years later, was named the first female partner of its consulting organization, Andersen Consulting, now known as Accenture. Before her retirement in 2002, Susan was the Managing Partner for Accenture's Office of the CEO for Chairman & CEO Joe W. Forehand. Susan served on Accenture's Executive Committee, the company's principal advisory and strategy-setting committee, and as President of the Accenture Foundation.

Susan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial management and an Honorary Doctorate in management from Purdue University. As a philanthropist, she has endowed chairs, scholarships and the Butler Institute for Leadership Excellence.

Susan has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Governor of Indiana for distinguished service to the state. Prior recipients include presidents, ambassadors, artists and astronauts. In 2001, Upside magazine named her to its list of "The 50 Most Remarkable Women in Technology" who have moved the industry "beyond the glass-ceiling cliché."

Susan Butler is Past President of Purdue's President's Council, past member of the Board of Directors of the Purdue Research Foundation, and a former member of Purdue's Board of Trustees and the National Board of the Girl Scouts of the USA. Susan is currently a visionary delegate for Vision 2020, a n...

Testimonials

"Susan Butler is distinguished by her humanity in living, her loyalty in friendship, her wisdom in counsel and her inspiration in leadership."

- Governor of the State of Indiana, in conferring upon her the state's highest honor for distinguished service .

"Susan has a remarkable capability for creating individual connections. She makes a point of getting to know everyone in the audience in a personal way, so by the time she addresses the group she makes each person in the audience feel as if her messages are targeted only to him or her. There are many speakers that can wow an audience; Susan does it one person at a time."

- Partner Evolve Partners LLP.

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Speech Topics

- Women in Business
- Teambuilding
- Motivation
- Leadership
- Diversity
- Change

