

Bruce Dixon - Bio



Bruce Dixon is an educational innovator, social entrepreneur, youth advocate, former corporate director, motivational speaker and current Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program (CPEP).

Born in Albany, New York, Bruce and his seven sisters were raised by their two wonderful parents who adopted each of them as infants. Despite the untimely death of his father when he was 11 and the severe financial challenges faced by his family, Bruce excelled in mathematics and science in high school and received a scholarship to attend Lafayette College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and also was a 4-year letter winner in football. He later received a master's degree in Business Administration from The University of Connecticut, A Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Lincoln College of New England.

Upon graduation from college, he has held a variety of leadership positions with The Hartford Financial Services Group and the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies including roles in Underwriting, Sales, Claims, Organizational Development, Client Management and Community Relations.

In 2007, Bruce took the reins of CPEP, an educational non-profit organization that inspires and prepares underrepresented students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math and help develop 21st century skills. The CPEP crusade began in 1986 with one afterschool program serving 40 students and has grown to serving more than 2000 students in 14 Connecticut school districts annually. Due to the significant impact of its work, CPEP have received the numerous awards, including the Connecticut Science Center Awards for Achievement in STEM Innovation and Education, Wesleyan's University Social Entrepreneurship Award, invited as an "honored guest" to the 2014 inaugural White House Maker Faire, to name but a few.

Bruce serves on the Board of Directors for The Knox Foundation and Central Connecticut State University's Technology and Education Council. He is committed to helping the parents, teachers, mentors, and advocates who serve our nation's youth.