

Don Beall

Chairman Emeritus, Advisory Board

Don Beall retired from Rockwell in 1998 after an extraordinary 30-year career of guiding one of the world's most influential companies and launching innovations that literally shaped the trajectory of technology and electronics globally.

He served as president of the company for 10 years and then served as chairman/CEO for the next 10 years. Under his leadership, Rockwell became a global leader in aerospace, electronics and automotive markets.

Through a series of strategic actions, the company became focused on a diversified group of leadership electronics businesses serving factory automation, communications, avionics and various communications-semiconductor world markets. Those electronics businesses today are represented by six public companies through which significant shareowner value has been created. The stock received by the Rockwell shareowner from these actions has increased in value from 1979 until March 2019 at a compounded annual rate of nearly 14 percent, including reinvested dividends.

Don believes very strongly in the value of higher education as being crucial to the innovation and entrepreneurial process that will lead to a stronger America. He has volunteered his expertise to UC Irvine's Merage School, the School of Engineering, the Beall Center for Art and Technology within the School of the Arts, the UC Irvine Chief Executives Round Table and the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information. He endowed the Beall Dean of Engineering chair at San José State University and the Beall Endowed Chair in Strategic Management at the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition, Don is a former trustee of the California Institute of Technology. An alumnus of San José State University, Beall earned his BS degree in Metallurgical Engineering in 1960. He earned an MBA with honors from the University of Pittsburgh in 1961. He served on numerous corporate boards including the companies derived from Rockwell, Proctor & Gamble, Amaco and the Los Angeles Times. He is also involved in numerous professional, educational, public service and philanthropic endeavors. Included among the many accolades Don has enjoyed over his lifetime is the Horatio Alger Award from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.