

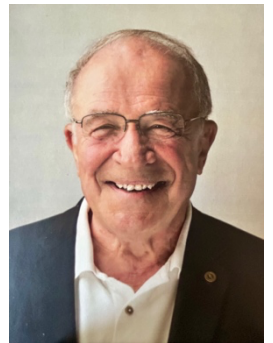
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Dennis is a Senior Advisor reporting to NC State's Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Practice in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Previously, 2008-2021, as Associate Vice Chancellor, he directed NC State's Partnership Office that recruited residents to Centennial Campus. Concurrently he led NSF's Center for Advanced Computing and Communication and later other institutes like the Institute for Next Generation IT.

In 2014 he was the Launch Director of DOE's "Power America" National Manufacturing Innovation Institute focused on advanced wide bandgap power electronics and in 2017 worked with the City of Raleigh to establish the annual Connected Communities event. Later, in 2018, he helped establish the IBM Quantum Innovation Center at NC State serving on its Executive Committee.



Earlier, in his extended IBM executive career, he led the R&D and installation of the first NYSE floor trading system as well as disruptive products in point-of-sale, optical scanning, I/O devices, and networking systems with major P&L responsibilities. He also served as an officer in the US Army.

His BSEE is from Clemson with graduate studies at Syracuse, NC State and UCLA. A registered Engineer he holds 8 Patents with various awards for inventions, technical achievements, and management excellence.

As past President of the Clemson Alumni Association he received Clemson's Distinguished Service Award in 1999, the Association of University Research Parks Leadership Award in 2016 and in 2025 was inducted into The Thomas Green Clemson Academy for Engineering Computing and Applied Sciences.

He currently Chairs the Clemson University Research Foundation.

In 2019, he received North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine and served on MCNC's Board till 2025 that operates the NC Research Education Network.

Dennis was a co-founder and Board Chair for ImagineOptix Inc., to commercialize NC State optical technologies that was acquired by a Fortune 100 company in 2021.

He's also a mentor volunteer at the SKEMA Business School located on NC State's Centennial Campus.