

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE



Carla Preston, MBA, BSE
VP Global Supply Chain Management
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc

Carla Traci Preston has amassed extensive leadership and expertise in supply chain management, product development with assignments in manufacturing operations, quality, product planning, strategy and business planning, purchasing and supplier development, risk + diversity.

As Stanley Black and Decker's (SBD) Vice President Global Supply Chain Management Direct Team, Carla lead strategic sourcing enterprise-wide for Global Transportation, Commodities, Packaging, and Purchased Components. Carla was responsible for overseeing \$2+ Billion of spend as well as Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) value creation through a combination of productivity, working capital, synergy, tariff mitigation, supplier risk, reduced lead-time, etc. Carla was instrumental in directly transforming SBD by building a customer-focused, service-oriented team, as well as fostering an inspired and motivated environment and culture.

Carla previously held the role of Dura Automotive's Vice President Global Supply Chain Management (CPO), Policy and Strategy. Prior, Carla was Ford Motor Company's Director of Supplier Development and Diversity where she was responsible for providing access, growth, and development to 350+ diverse suppliers, identifying qualified diversity suppliers, developing existing diversity suppliers, verifying supplier credentials, and expanding diversity suppliers throughout the supply chain network (i.e. Tier 1 and Tier II opportunities).

Carla has been recognized with over 20 major awards in supplier diversity, leadership, engineering, supplier diversity and inclusion as well as community service. In 2014, Carla was selected as The National Minority Supplier Development Council's (NMSDC®) Minority Supplier Development Leader of the Year. In 2007, Carla received the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) highest honor - The Junipero Serra award. She was elected as a Fellow by the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and is the recipient of its Automotive Division Quality Professional of the Year Award and the Koth Award as well as the Automotive Industry Group's Outstanding Achievement Award. She is certified by ASQ as a Quality Engineer, Quality Auditor and Quality Manager and is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt and Green Belt. Professional Engineering magazine named Carla as one of the "100 Most Admired Women."

A mentor to engineering students, women and promising engineers, Carla is a member of The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), American Society of Quality (ASQ), The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Society of Women Engineers (SWE), National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA), Ford Hispanic Network (FHN) and Ford Professional Women's Network (PWN). Carla is involved in numerous civic and philanthropic activities. She has served on the Board of Directors for: Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Minority Supplier Diversity Council, National Minority Supplier Diversity Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council, and the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Carla is a person of many interests and pursuits including: University of Michigan football, traveling, baking, scrapbooking and dancing. Among her many passions is educating young people especially in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Since 2000, she has served as an after school teacher.