

Cary Dunston

Cary Dunston is the retired Chairman and CEO of American Woodmark Corporation headquartered in Winchester, VA.

Cary's career has been highlighted by extensive experience in global manufacturing, supply chain and logistics, marketing strategy, venture capital and international business development. Before joining American Woodmark in 2006 he held positions of Vice President of Global Operations for Diamond Innovations, Vice President of Operations for BBA Fiberweb, and Vice President of European Operations for Tenneco Automotive. Prior to this Cary held positions within operations and marketing strategy at Cummins, Inc.

Formerly, he served 7 years in the U.S. Navy as an officer in the nuclear submarine fleet. Cary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management with an emphasis in Aerospace Engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in 1988 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1997.

As a leader, Cary focuses on creating an environment where employees challenge themselves — and others — to innovate and think differently when it comes to reaching both business and life goals. His passion rests with a vision based on the values of caring and inclusion, recognizing and celebrating the individuality of every person through the Power of Story. Through story, he believes we truly learn to live, to care, and ultimately, to see. Cary's passion for positively touching the lives of others extends beyond work and into various communities throughout the U.S. He regularly volunteers to help children and veterans, while using various speaking platforms to send his message on the Power of Story. Cary's servant leadership was recognized in 2020 when he was named Citizen of the Year by the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Cary has always been about family, loves to travel and explore, and spends as much time as possible enjoying the outdoors while working on his local farm.