

Dr. Bettye J. Saxon

Dr. Bettye Saxon currently serve as External Affairs Regional Director on the Central Coast for AT&T California. Dr. Saxon is primarily responsible for community and government relations in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties and has been developing and strengthening relationships with a wide variety of community advocates, elected officials, community organizations and business professionals.

Dr. Saxon is also a highly respected keynote speaker on topics such as "*Leadership Skills for the 21st Century*" and "*Women in Leadership*".

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Saxon was recruited into Pacific Bell/SBC Telecommunications Inc., in June 1999, to serve as an Education Advocate in Sacramento. As an Education Advocate, Dr. Saxon served as a Technology Specialist to K-12 education communities speaking on the transformation taking place in education through the use of technology. She also conducted teacher training workshops on "*Technology in the Classroom*", as well as "*The Design, Development and Delivery of On-Line Courses*".

Dr. Saxon has resided in California for the past 20+ years. During this time, she has worked in the telecommunications industry for companies such as GTE and Network Solutions. Saxon also worked for State of California, Dept. of General Service Telecommunication Division as a Telecommunication Specialist.

Dr. Saxon has served on the boards of many community based and educational organizations, including the American Heart Association, Junior Achievement of Northern CA and Hartnell Community College STEM programs. Currently Dr. Saxon is serving as Board Chair for the California State University Monterey Bay Foundation Board. Most recently, Saxon was voted on the Board of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

Dr. Saxon received her B.S. in information systems management, her M.A. in counseling psychology and her Ed.D. from the from the University of San Francisco in Organizations and Leadership.

Dr. Saxon is the proud mother of two adult children; Elisha Wilson, a recent graduate of Seattle University (June 2019) and Andre Carpenter, who is a Senior Technology Specialist with Apple Inc.