



**THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF DETROIT®**  
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## **ROBERT MAGEE**



Robert Magee is Executive Director of The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD), one of the nation's largest and oldest engineering societies, representing over 3,300 engineers and 140 companies in Michigan. Founded in 1895, ESD promotes and celebrates excellence, innovation, cooperation, professional growth and fellowship in the engineering and allied professions. Under Robert's leadership, ESD has refocused its mission to maintain Michigan's position a global hub for engineering and engineering leaders.

At ESD, Robert has focused on strengthening the organization's three pillars—membership, branding and fundraising—while building a more robust pipeline of future engineers in Michigan. One of his key initiatives was to establish ESD Student Chapters in each of the 21 universities in Michigan with accredited engineering programs.

Before joining ESD in 2014, Robert held various leadership positions in the advertising division of AT&T, a fortune 50 company. At his retirement in 2011, he was Vice President, Telemarketing Sales, where he led Call Centers for the entire country staffed by over 2,000 representatives who generated nearly \$400 million in annual revenue. His group led all Regions in revenue growth and customer retention. As Vice President, Midwest Sales, his previous position, Robert was responsible for a territory that included Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. He led the Midwest Region's 2,500 employees to achieve nearly \$800 million in sales. Prior to that, as a Regional Vice President in California for the Greater Los Angeles, Ventura County, Inland Empire and Orange County Robert was recognized as a top sales leader when he received the company's highest sales award – 'The CEO Circle of Excellence' award.

Coming from an underprivileged background, raised lovingly by a single mother, Robert knows first-hand the importance of providing opportunities to people and of giving back to one's community. He is currently a "Partner of Cornerstone" mentor at Cornerstone Schools Nevada Campus and is active in his church, Trinity MBC. Robert also serves on the Advisory Board for the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the President's National Advisory Council at Henry Ford College, the Detroit Children's Choir Board of Directors, and on the Dean of Engineering Advisory Board at Eastern Michigan University.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in Hattiesburg. In 1978, he was the first African American inducted into the USM Student Hall of Fame. Robert lives in Oakland Township, Michigan with his wife of 33 years, Janice. Together, they have a grown son, Nick, who recently graduated from Michigan State University.