

2011 SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT

Dawn Sutherland



The Los Angeles Inter Alumni Council is honored to recognize Dawn Sutherland as the 2011 **Spirit Award Recipient**. The Spirit Award is presented to individuals who embody the phenomenal spirit of the inimitable Lou Rawls, the greatest champion of HBCUs. Ms Sutherland is a person with an enormous heart, endless compassion and a phenomenal spirit of giving. She serves on several non-profit boards and commissions and is past president of the board of the 4305 Village Theater, formerly based in the Leimert Park area of Los Angeles. She is a supporter of the UNCF Los Angeles office and is very proud to be the Spelman College liaison manager for Xerox's college program. Ms. Sutherland is also active in the National Black MBA Association, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and several other professional organizations.

Ms. Sutherland is vice president and controller for Western Sales Operations of the United States Solutions Group at Xerox Corporation. In this role, Ms. Sutherland provides financial leadership for the region and is responsible for delivering profit growth, ensuring effective, internal controls within the western region, developing strategic and financial plans, reporting finances and providing strategic and business planning support. She was appointed to this position in April 2008.

While completing her MBA from Clark Atlanta University, Ms. Sutherland was a MBA summer intern before being hired by Xerox in 1982. She served in various financial analyst positions in Webster, N.Y. before becoming the controller for a manufacturing plant in Illinois. Later she was named the controller for materials management at Xerox's Mitcheldean, U.K. plant and also worked in the finance program management office in Marlow, U.K.

Ms. Sutherland has served for 12 years as controller for the Graphic Arts West Industry and the Los Angeles and California Coastal Customer Business Units. Most recently, she served as controller for the Southern California/Las Vegas Operations Group. Ms. Sutherland has received various Xerox awards for excellence, and in 2007, she received the President's Club award. She is a Lean Six Sigma Certified Green Belt.

An avid art collector, one of Ms. Sutherland's passions is supporting artists from Africa. She is also a world traveler with a special emphasis on Africa; she's been travelling to Africa since 1977 and is well versed in African cultures and the historical connection between Africa and the Western Diaspora.

Ms. Sutherland holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Boston College, along with a master of social work and a master of business administration in finance and marketing from Clark Atlanta University.