



## William J. Nelson

Vice president of Corporate Citizenship for CHS Inc., president of the CHS Foundation.



William provides leadership to all CHS corporate citizenship activities including corporate philanthropy, volunteerism, employee engagement and CHS corporate memberships in associated organizations. William also leads the CHS Foundation, which offers support through university partnerships, rural leadership development, cooperative education, and farm and agricultural safety programs.

William serves on the National Council on Farmer Cooperatives' executive education committee and the board of directors of the National Cooperative Business Association. He is a director for the Ralph K. Morris Foundation, and the Farm Foundation and Chair of the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Farm Foundation's Steering Committee for A Dialogue on Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century, the Advisory Council for UMASH and the eXtension Foundation Leadership Council. He is a founding member and chair of the board of directors of the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America.

He has undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota, Morris, in Sociology and Political Science, and graduate degrees from the University of St. Thomas (Community Education) and the University of Houston (Studies of the Future). He served as a faculty member and administrator in the University of Minnesota for 13 years, prior to joining what is now CHS in 1992. He grew up on a farm in central Minnesota. He is a proud recipient of the Honorary American Farmer Degree.