

Jennifer (Roman) Boykin

A love of mathematics and a fascination with her father's career building F-18s at the then-McDonnell Douglas plant led Jennifer Boykin into the multibillion-dollar industry of shipbuilding. Today she is the executive vice president of Huntington Ingalls Industries and president of Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia. She oversees a historic shipyard, which has approximately \$4 billion in annual revenues. She is the first woman to lead the shipyard in its 135-year history.

The shipyard is sole builder and refueler of nuclear powered aircraft carriers and one of only two in the country capable of designing and

building nuclear-powered submarines. Boykin earned her bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and her master's degree in engineering management from The George Washington University. She began her shipbuilding career in 1987 in the company's nuclear engineering division. Boykin is a national advocate for STEM education and awareness, especially for programs focused on women and minorities. She has dozens of awards, board appointments and community service involvement to her credit, including founding two STEM programs for girls and underrepresented populations in the Newport News community.



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