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Evan S. Dobelle became president and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education in January 2005.

Dobelle has been president of four colleges and universities and was elected to two terms as mayor of Pittsfield, MA, while still in his 20's.

He also served as commissioner of environmental management and natural resources in Massachusetts, as chief of protocol in the Carter White House and as treasurer and deputy chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Dobelle became president of Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts in 1987. In 1990, he was named president of City College of San Francisco. He then led Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, from 1995 to 2001, when he was named president of the University of Hawaii System.

As president of Trinity College, he created the Center for Religion and Public life and initiated the Learning Corridor project to revitalize Hartford. For his efforts, The New England Council named him "New Englander of the Year" in 1999.

At the University of Hawaii System, he forged a groundbreaking preschool-through-20 educational initiative, funded a Center for Hawaiian Studies and spearheaded creation of a film school and construction of a new medical school.

Dobelle holds bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a master's in public administration from Harvard University.

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University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
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