

Dan Hart

Dan Hart is the President of HarTechnologies, advising space, defense, and technology companies and investment groups, leveraging his broad experience across commercial and government markets, and large and entrepreneurial companies. He has served in senior leadership roles across a wide range of aerospace programs, spanning human spaceflight, satellite development, space launch, and missile defense, leading organizations through all phases of the aerospace product life cycle.

As the CEO of Virgin Orbit, Richard Branson's pioneering commercial space firm, Dan led the development and operation of a new space launch method. Under his leadership the company successfully launched small satellites into space from a rocket carried aloft under the wing of a modified Boeing 747. The company proved technical feasibility in mid 2020, at the height of the COVID Pandemic, and subsequently delivered 4 flawless missions and 33 satellites into precise orbits.

Prior to Virgin Orbit Dan served as Vice President of Government Satellite Systems at the Boeing Company. In this position, he oversaw Boeing's government satellite programs portfolio, developing and managing missions for the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA, and other national organizations. Some of these marque programs included: Global Positioning System (GPS), Wideband Global SATCOM, the Tracking and Data Relay Satellites (TDRS) system, the X-37 spaceplane, and other national programs.

Dan was elected into the National Academy of Engineering in 2022 and is currently serving on the National Academy's Space Studies Board. He is currently a Senior Fellow with The Atlantic Council. Previously, Dan served on the U.S. Investment Advisory Council for the Secretary of Commerce, and was appointed to the Governor's COVID Task Force for Business and Jobs Recovery in California.

A passionate advocate for STEM education Dan serves on the Board of Trustees of the California Science Center, as well as on the Dean of Engineering's Advisory Council for California State University, Long Beach.