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Dr. Karl Martin is Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Division of Extension. He is responsible for over 700 faculty and staff and over 15,000 volunteers located across Wisconsin's 72 counties, five tribal nations and five UW System campuses.

The Division of Extension epitomizes the 'Wisconsin Idea' by providing timely access to University research, information, and experts to provide education and address local issues related to agriculture, youth, natural resources, families, health and community development throughout Wisconsin. The Division of Extension is funded by local, state, tribal and federal partners, and offers educational programs that address the important issues of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Prior to this position, Karl served as an Assistant Dean and State Program Director of the Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development Program with the University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension. Before joining the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Karl was the Chief of the Wildlife and Forest Research Program with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from 2008-2014, and from 2000-2008 he was a Forest Research Scientist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources based out of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Karl grew up in Wisconsin on a dairy and ginseng farm in Marathon County and was the youngest of 11 children. He graduated from Edgar High School in 1986 and pursued his undergraduate studies at UW-Marathon County and UW-Madison before leaving Wisconsin for his graduate studies at Oregon State University. Karl has a doctorate in forest ecology, a master's degree in wildlife science from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology from UW-Madison.

Karl enjoys cooking maple syrup, fishing, biking, hunting, reading, kayaking, cooking, baking and managing the families sugarbush and small orchard. He lives near Brooklyn, Wisconsin with his wife, Dr. Karen Martin and their three sons Lincoln, Logan, and Lance.