

LEASA EVINGER, PH.D.

INTERIM ASSISTANT VP FOR HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE



Leasa Evinger serves as interim assistant vice president for housing and residence life. She was appointed to the position in September 2023 after a structural realignment that returned Residential Living and Residential Learning to Student Affairs. In her capacity, she is a member of the Student Affairs Leadership Team.

Evinger has served as a member of the Clemson Home senior leadership team since 2016 when she was named director of Residential Living. In the director's role, she was responsible for the administration and management of 7,600 on-campus students across 26 residence halls and three apartment areas. During her time, Clemson's added first-class on-campus housing to its portfolio through the construction of Core Campus and Douthit Hills.

With Residential Living, Evinger supervised up to five assistant and associate directors, 10 full-time community directors, 18 graduate students and more than 250 undergraduate staff. She administered an annual budget of approximately \$6 million.

Evinger joined Clemson's Housing & Dining team in 2009 as associate director for residential life. She played a critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring Clemson students enjoyed a robust residential experience and isolation/quarantine protocols were managed appropriately under modified University operations. In her capacity, she also serves as part of a broader University response mechanism through the Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment teams.

Prior to her time at Clemson, Evinger served as assistant director for residential life and academic initiatives at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas from 2006-09. One of her key initiatives was the development of SMU's Faculty-in-Residence program prior to leaving for Clemson.

Evinger began her professional career as a hall director at SMU from 2004-06. She also served as a graduate hall director at Bowling Green State University in Ohio from 2002-04.

Evinger is a member of several professional organizations, including the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) and Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO).

She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Jacksonville University in 2002 and master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State in 2004. She added a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Clemson in 2014.