

Vice President for Student Affairs Almeda R. Jacks



With three Clemson degrees to her credit and over 35 years of experience in the field, Almeda Jacks is one of the nation's most respected student affairs professionals.

In her current role, Jacks oversees all operations pertaining to the Division of Student Affairs, which encompasses more than 20 departments and impacts all areas of the Clemson experience. Its mission is to prepare and empower students to make a difference as global citizens. Jacks returned to her alma mater for a second tenure in the vice president's role in December 2014. She was invited back by current Clemson

President James P. Clements.

Jacks began her professional Clemson career in university housing in 1977. She was later named director of housing, a position she held from 1981 to 1986. As housing director, she oversaw all housing operations for 7,200 students spanning 21 residence halls and three campus apartment complexes. In 1986, she was named associate vice president and dean of students.

Jacks first served as vice president for Student Affairs from 1992 to 2006. During that time, she oversaw the construction of six new residence halls and the Hendrix Student Center, while also serving as chair of the university's crisis management team.

Following her retirement in 2006, Jacks continued to serve her alma mater in various capacities. She assisted with the creation of the Bridge to Clemson program, a partnership with Tri-County Technical College. She also served as adjunct faculty in the Eugene T. Moore School of Education. In 2010, she was named interim vice president for Student Affairs at Manhattanville College in New York before working as a senior consultant for Massachusetts-based Keeling & Associates, LLC, focusing primarily on executive searches for top-level positions within higher education.

Jacks has been an active member of multiple Student Affairs organizations on a national, regional and state level. A member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) since 1977, Jacks served a two-year term as president of the Foundation Board of Directors from 2008 to 2010. She was a recipient of the NASPA Pillar of the Profession Award in 2003. She also held president positions within the Women in Higher Education Network, Association of Women Professionals, Southeastern Association of Housing Officers and South Carolina Housing Officers Association.

Jacks earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education in the area of psychology from Clemson in 1974, and a master's degree in personnel services in higher education a year later. In 2009, she received a Ph.D. in educational leadership.

Jacks and her husband, Putt, have a son, Errett.

EDUCATION

2009: Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Clemson University

1975: M.Ed. in Personnel Services in Higher Education, Clemson University

1974: B.A. in Secondary Education and Psychology, Clemson University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2015-Present: Vice President for Student Affairs, Clemson University

2011-2014: Senior Consultant, Keeling & Associates, LLC

2010-11: Interim Vice President for Student Development, Manhattanville College

1992-2006: Vice President for Student Affairs, Clemson University

1986-1992: Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Clemson University

1980-1986: Director of Housing, Clemson University

1977-1980: Associate Director of Housing, Clemson University

1975-1977: Housing Program Coordinator, Clemson University