Wendy B. Libby, Ph.D., President of Stetson University

Dr. Wendy B. Libby became the ninth president of Stetson University in July 2009. With a broad career in higher education and private industry, she is leading a comprehensive strategic plan that is establishing Stetson as the university of choice for innovative approaches to tackling complex challenges.

From new academic programs and national rankings to campus renovations and the return of Hatter Football in 2013, Stetson is experiencing tremendous growth. Since 2009, undergraduate enrollment has risen nearly 50 percent, to more than 3,000, while the university’s endowment has nearly doubled, to more than $200 million. The $150 million Beyond Success – Significance Campaign is taking Stetson to even greater heights, with the establishment of the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence, the Hollis Family Student Success Center, the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Welcome Center, and the Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center. Dr. Libby has continued to build on Stetson’s values-centered heritage and tradition of academic excellence and community engagement.

Dr. Libby is active in Central Florida life and, in 2010, was appointed to the Mainstreet Community Bank Board of Directors. In 2011 and 2013, Dr. Libby was named to The Volusia/Flagler Business Report’s list of “Influential Women in Business.” More recently, in 2014, she received a Women Who Mean Business Award from the Orlando Business Journal and was also named one of the “Top 55 Most Influential” in Volusia and Flagler counties by MyCoast Magazine.

In addition, she is a member of the boards of directors of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF), the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), and the Central Florida Partnership. Dr. Libby served as president of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., from 2003-2009, and earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut in 1994.