

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.

Prior to Stetson, Dr. Libby served as president of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., the nation's second-oldest women's institution, from 2003-2009. She served as vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer at Furman University, Greenville, S.C., from 1995 to 2003. Her administrative and teaching experience in higher education began in 1980 at institutions including Westbrook College (now part of the University of New England), the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut Health Center, The Ohio State University and Cornell University.

In May 2009, Dr. Libby received the 2009 Outstanding Higher Education Professional Alumni Award at the University of Connecticut. Prior to this, she led a delegation of six college presidents to Ewha University in Seoul, South Korea, to participate in the presidents' forum on strategic planning with a global focus. She also received the 2007 Athena Award from the Columbia (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce Women's Network for her support of women in realizing their full leadership potential and for contributing to the quality of life in the community.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Libby earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut in 1994. Her undergraduate degree, in Biology with a concentration in Genetics, is from Cornell University, and she earned an MBA, with a concentration in Finance, from Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management.

She and her husband, Dr. Richard M. Libby, a former college president, have two sons, Glenn and wife Ginger, and Gregg and wife Lori, four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and two Labrador Retrievers. An avid reader, she also enjoys cooking and entertaining.