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Melissa is the Dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at University of Virginia. In this role, she oversees a continuum of learning that serves the workforce development needs of adult learners, including the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Bachelor of Professional and Healthcare Management degree completion programs; Master of Public Safety degree; Online and off-Grounds graduate, undergraduate and non-credit certificate programs and customized training and educational programming for Business, Government and Education. Melissa serves as a university champion for linking the needs of business, government, community and education through expanding collaboration and public-private partnerships. She is a “practitioner-scholar” who infuses an entrepreneurial spirit to her work in the academy.

Previously, Melissa served as the Chief Economic Engagement Officer and Founding Dean of the School of Professional & Continuing Education at James Madison University where she managed credit and non-credit programming for students of every stage and phase of life, work and play. Prior to JMU, Melissa was at Virginia Tech, where she was the director of the university’s Commonwealth Campus Centers in Richmond, Newport News, and Virginia Beach, where they created, customized, and facilitated a series of human development programming for organizations in the private and public sector. She is a credentialed executive coach through the International Coach Federation, a master practitioner of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and certified in the EQi emotional intelligence assessment. Prior to Virginia Tech, Melissa held leadership positions in the private sector, including the Apollo Group, Circuit City Inc., and This End Up Furniture.

Melissa earned a Ph.D. in Adult Learning and Human Resource Development from Virginia Tech’s School of Human Development, a Master in Business Administration from Georgia Southern University, and a Bachelor of General Studies from Armstrong State College. Her research interests include andragogy, mentoring, and coaching. She is passionate about learning beyond the degree, empowering individuals to expand their own body of knowledge throughout adulthood to positively impact the well-being of our society.

Melissa and her husband Neil (Regional Sales Manager with Tension, Inc.) have a son, D.C. who is a freshman at James Madison University. They share their home with a Siamese cat (Gilligan) and a border collie (Skipper). In her personal time, Melissa loves to spend time with her family relaxing and boating on the Chesapeake Bay.