



Elizabeth Wilmer

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Dr. Elizabeth Wilmer is the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Virginia Western Community College. Dr. Wilmer holds a Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Old Dominion University, a M.F.A in photography from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and a B.A. in economics from the University of the South. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a recipient of the 2006 Chancellor's Faculty Fellowship.

In addition to serving as the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Wilmer served as Dean of Humanities then Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences from 2002 to 2012. Dr. Wilmer is a professor in the art department. She has been an administrator and faculty member at Virginia Western since 1998.

Dr. Wilmer has worked closely with the college's SACSCOC decennial reaffirmation process, the restructuring of the college's academic schools to reflect a STEM-H focus, the strengthening of Dual Enrollment through a Chancellor's Innovation Fund Grant, as well as leading the process to establish new programs in physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist assistant, and surgical technology. She has led the implementation of the Guided Pathways student success initiative at Virginia Western, which resulted in a 10% increase in graduation rates from 2014 to 2022.

In the Virginia Community College System, Elizabeth has served as Chair of the Vice President's Faculty Issues committee, the VCCS Educational Programs committee, and as President of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC). Dr. Wilmer has been a member of SCHEV Quality in Dual Enrollment committee, the VCCS Dual Enrollment Pathways committee, and the VCCS Dual Enrollment Funding Model committee. She is also a member of the State Committee on Transfer representing the VCCS.

Elizabeth has served the local community as a board member for the Roanoke Children's Theatre, Total Action for Progress (TAP), the Virginia Network, and on the Academic committee for the Blue Ridge Partnership. She is also a parent volunteer for the 4H Horse program.

Elizabeth lives in Troutville, Virginia with her husband Wes, daughter Ashley, and a menagerie of animals including three horses, a dog, cats, chickens, goats, donkeys, ducks, and fish.