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Ginger Ambler graduated from William & Mary in 1988 with a B.A. in English and earned an M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs from The Ohio State University. After working in residential life at Franklin and Marshall College, she returned to William and Mary to work in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. While serving as Assistant Vice President, she completed her Ph.D. in Educational Policy, Planning, and Leadership at William & Mary in 2006 with a Higher Education concentration and a Counseling cognate. She was in an interim capacity for one year as Vice President for Student Affairs, an appointment that was made permanent in 2009.

The VP for Student Affairs provides leadership for a division with 13 departments. She and her staff have primary responsibility for general student safety, student diversity programming and support, accessibility services, student rights and responsibilities, the honor system, new student orientation, parent and family programs, organizations and activities, student government, leadership development, civic engagement, the judicial system, the student unions, campus residence halls, campus recreation and intramurals, career development, student health services, health promotion, and counseling services. A member of the president's cabinet, Ginger serves on a host of college-wide committees, including the Emergency Management Team, the Risk Assessment Committee, and the university's Strategic Planning Steering Committee. She has presented programs at national conferences on such topics as college student flourishing, assessing campus culture, serving graduate students, college student mental health, and understanding media relations.

Ginger is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies. At Commencement in May 2006, she was honored with William & Mary's Thatcher Prize for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Study, and her doctoral research was later recognized nationally with NASPA's 2007 Melvene D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award. She is the author of a chapter published in the Positive Psychology Perspective Series on the topic of human flourishing and she enjoys teaching graduate students as an Executive Assistant Professor in William and Mary's School of Education. Under her leadership, William & Mary was named one of 2015's "Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs at Research Institutions" by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine and the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) – W&M was the only research institution in Virginia named to that list of 14 research institutions. In 2014 the division was included on the national list of the top 30 "Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs." Ginger was honored in 2013 by the faculty in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) program at The Ohio State University with the Maude A. Stewart Award for exceptional leadership, innovation, and service to the profession. In the broader community of Williamsburg, Ginger is an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church where she is a trustee, a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister and has served on both the vestry and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. She was a long-time member of the Williamsburg Youth Harp Society's Board of Directors and serves currently on the Swem Library Board of Directors at William & Mary. She and her husband, Richard Ambler, have three children, Brink (22), Alaina (20), and Mac (14).