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Dr. Linda A. Streit has been making an impact on the future of nursing throughout her career. She has held administrative and faculty positions at Mercer University, Old Dominion University, and Augusta University. Her clinical experience is in the areas of critical care and the emergency department, as well as oncology. Early in her career, Dean Streit's research centered on gerontology. More recently, her interests are directed towards the development of innovative nursing educational models.

At the state, regional, and national level, she served on multiple boards, including Chair and Treasurer of the Georgia Association of Deans and Directors (2010-2020), Southern Regional Education Board, nursing division (2012-2015; 2019), Ethics Board for Northside Hospital (2002-Present), American Association of Colleges of Nursing State Grassroots Liaison for Georgia (2012-Present) and Sigma Foundation Board of Directors (2017-2021). She completed two, two-year consecutive terms (2013-2017) as Sigma's North America Region 7 Coordinator, which includes support for Sigma chapters in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Dr. Streit provides leadership in all professional and regional accreditation reviews for the College and continues to serve as a regional accreditation site visitor for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, as well as a site team member for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

She is an accomplished visionary academician with over 30 years of experience in academe. Through her leadership, she paved the way for nursing graduate

education programs at Mercer University beginning with the master of science in nursing in 2002. Under her visionary leadership as dean, nurse practitioner specialty tracks were launched (2011), as well as the doctor of nursing practice degree (2010), and the doctor of philosophy in nursing (2009). For more than 15 years, she served as the college of nursing's HRSA Nurse Faculty Loan Program director. Since inception, this loan program supported more than 130 nursing graduate students at Mercer and provided more than \$5M in overall awards. Most recently, she spearheaded efforts to establish the 12-month second degree accelerated pre-licensure bachelor of science in nursing degree, which allows applicants to capitalize on their earned degree while enrolled in nursing coursework. Over her past twelve years as dean, undergraduate enrollment has increased by 36% and graduate enrollment has increased by 60%; all while maintaining higher than the national average percentage pass rate on initial nursing licensure and certification examinations.

Dr. Streit was recognized by University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) with the Visionary Leader Award. She also received the National Student Nurses Association Leader of Leaders Award, Hall of Honor Inductee for Student Leadership Development, Faculty of the Year Award from two institutions, and the Susan Sweat Gunby Excellence in Nursing Award from the Pi Gamma Chapter of Sigma. Her research presentations span the globe, including international presentations in the United States, Greece, Ireland, Scotland, Taiwan, Russia, and Canada. She was the chief organizer for the American International Health Care Alliance program, which provided support to nursing faculty and students at The Medical University of I. P. Pavlov in St. Petersburg, Russia. Dr. Streit, an acclaimed educator and clinical practitioner, participates in classroom and clinical education, as well as assuming the responsibilities associated with her administrative role. She is a Virginia Henderson Fellow, a consultant to nursing faculty, nursing student groups, and agencies.