**Brief Biography**

**Professor Sondra Stallard**, Dean of the University of Virginia’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies, joined the University’s faculty in 1975 as an assistant professor in the School of Education. For five years, Ms. Stallard provided technical assistance in curriculum and instruction to public school systems in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC.

In 1980, Ms. Stallard became Director of the University’s Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and, during the next six years, she developed and implemented the University’s strategies for the recruitment and retention of minority and female faculty, staff, and students.

In 1986, Ms. Stallard embarked on a new assignment as Director of Development for the School of Engineering and Applied Science and, in 1988, became the Director of Corporate Relations for the Darden School of Graduate Business Administration. As Acting Director of the Darden Capital Campaign she was instrumental in establishing a corporate sponsors program and in raising more than 32 million dollars for the Darden School.

Ms. Stallard’s fund-raising acumen and experience in University administration resulted in her selection by President John Casteen to serve as his Executive Assistant from 1993 until 1996. In the fall of 1995, the president and Provost Peter Low asked Ms. Stallard to serve as Acting Dean of Continuing Education, and in April 1996 she was appointed Dean for a five-year term. That term has been renewed twice, expiring in 2011. She is responsible for the University’s academic outreach program that serves more than 28,000 adult students throughout the Commonwealth.

Prior to joining U.Va.’s faculty, Ms. Stallard was the State Specialist on Student Affairs for the state of West Virginia. Ms. Stallard earned her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Virginia, her master’s in History from Morehead State University, and her bachelor’s from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.