



Dr. Eleanor Finger serves as the Director of Housing and Residence Life at Virginia Tech. She provides leadership and oversight for Housing Services, Residence Life, Academic Initiatives and Residential Facilities including Housekeeping and Renovations for 47 buildings housing 9300 students. Eleanor oversees a budget of \$51 million and a staff of 150 professional and 250 paraprofessional employees. Prior to her work at Virginia Tech, she served as the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life at Washington State University as well as the Director of Residence Life at Simmons College in Boston. Additionally, she has served as Assistant Director of Residence Life at both WSU and John Carroll University in Ohio.

A student-centered, learning-focused and social-justice minded professional, Eleanor has been engaged in many aspects of college life over the past 24 years of her career. She has had the privileged opportunity to lead and serve in diverse capacities bridging Student Affairs and Academic Affairs as well as strengthening ties with Administration and Facilities. Eleanor is a faculty mentor, sits on division and campus committees, contributes to university master planning, has championed initiatives to support underrepresented groups in the margins; advances living-learning environments, shepherds students through crisis, and builds coalitions in support of student success. She obtained her doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration from Washington State University, her Master of Arts in Counseling and Human Sciences from John Carroll University, her Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arkansas and bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Elon College in North Carolina.

Eleanor was selected to serve as a faculty member for the National Housing Training Institute through the Association for College and University Housing Officers International and participated in the Senior Seminar Women's Network for the state of Virginia as results of her relational and inclusive leadership. Recipient of two Division of Student Affairs VP Distinguished Acorn awards for exceptional service, support for students in crisis and modeling high ethic of care and peer collaborations, Eleanor is a thoughtful advocate and strategic planner committed to creating community. She is a graduate of NASPA's Alice Manicur Symposium and was nominated for both the WSU Association of Faculty Women Harriet B. Rigas Award as well as Distinguished Woman-of-the-Year.

Eleanor enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, the outdoors and the arts.