Terry Heilman Sylvester

Terry Heilman Sylvester brings a unique perspective to her role as Trustee Emerita for the University of Richmond.

Terry is a 1976 graduate of the University's Robins School of Business and spent her early career with the Xerox Corporation. The University has been her life. She served on the University's Board of Trustees from 2002-2010, while her four daughters were students at Richmond. Terry received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 2010.

At the end of her term, she was invited to join the Development Staff and served as Richmond's Director of Parent Philanthropy until her retirement in the summer of 2021.

Her late father, Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, was President was president of the University from 1971-1978. He was regarded as one of the most outstanding college Presidents in the nation. He retired in 1978 and was named Chancellor, a post he held until his death at the age of 93 in 2019.

Terry and her husband, David, a 1977 graduate, established the Sylvester Chaplaincy Fund in 1983, providing support for addressing and enhancing the spiritual awareness of students, faculty, and members of the University community.

Prior to her involvement at the University, Terry spent her career as a development and fundraising consultant to several non-profit organizations, including youth and children's ministries domestically and internationally.

During the 2020-2021 academic year Terry served on the University's presidential search committee, successfully recruiting Kevin F. Hallock as Richmond's 11th president, and is a current member of the Jepson Executive Board of Advisors. As an alumna, the daughter of a former president, parent of four Spiders, and retired Advancement officer, Terry brings a unique perspective to her role as a Trustee Emerita.

