

## ***Bridget Guernsey Riordan***

Assistant Vice President, Campus Life

### **Tell us a little about the work you've done at Emory throughout your career.**

I started as the Director of Student Activities in 1992 and have held various positions in Campus Life including Dean of Students. Serving as Assistant Vice President currently I work primarily with Emory families.

### **What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?**

President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore speaking to the student body in the PE Center in spring 1995 when they held an economic summit in Cannon Chapel. Our students concurrently held a peaceful protest about cuts in federal financial aid. Also, every time I had the opportunity to interact with President Jimmy Carter was wonderful.

### **Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?**

Many of our former offices were designed with student hangout space so advising and counseling students could happen casually and often with care and humor. Face to face, in-person discussions benefitted all involved.

### **What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?**

The most significant changes have been in how we communicate. Before texting, social media and widespread email use, we met more in person and found students where they were—whether in SGA, the Wheel, culturally-based offices, the dining hall, an athletic venue, or Greek houses and residence halls. I hope we get that back as it is always important to see students in their own spaces.

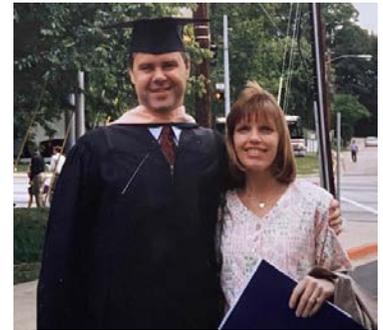


### **What do you hope for the future of Emory?**

That the student voice is still cultivated and appreciated as we shape our future direction.

### **Anything else you would like to share?**

Watching Emory students grow and develop has been so rewarding and fun. I feel so fortunate to have made so many valued friends through the relationships with colleagues, students and alumni.



**Bridget with her husband, Michael P. Riordan, at his graduation from RSPH in December 1995 (above), and Bridget today (below)**

