

Amy Diamond Barnes named new Executive Director of Human Resources at Washington and Lee University

Washington and Lee University has chosen Amy Diamond Barnes as its new Executive Director of Human Resources. Barnes' appointment comes at an important time for the University – the strategic plan calls for a supportive and professional work environment for all faculty and staff, and Amy has strong experience building work communities within liberal arts schools.

Steve McAllister, Washington and Lee's Vice President of Finance and University Treasurer, who chaired the search committee, commented "Ms. Barnes' technical and interpersonal skills, along with her knowledge of small colleges and their operations, are an ideal fit for W&L. We are very fortunate to have found an individual with the breadth and depth of experience that she brings, and no search could have yielded a more fitting candidate."

Barnes was most recently Associate Vice President for Human Resources at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York where she has served for the past 14 years. At Colgate she was responsible for recruitment, compensation, benefits, employee relations and communications, human resource information systems, training and organizational and leadership development.

Prior to her work at Colgate, Barnes was the Director of Human Resources at New England College for five years. She has spent her entire career in academic human resources, also working at Franklin Pierce College, Vassar College, Barnard College and George Washington University Medical Center.

Barnes has extensive experience in many human resources areas and belongs to a number of advisory groups and boards, including the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources, the Higher Education Recruitment Consortium, and TIAA-CREF's Retiree Health Care Task Force.

Barnes holds a B.A. in French from William Smith College and is certified as a senior professional in human resources (SPHR). She and her husband, Davis, a professional chef, have a son, Jared, a second-year law student at Tulane University, and a daughter, Katie Bishop, who lives with her family at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Virginia.