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Karen P. DePauw is Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education, as well as a tenured professor in the Departments of Sociology and Human Nutrition, Foods & Exercise at Virginia Tech.

DePauw is credited with building a strong, diverse graduate community at the university. Her major accomplishments include establishing the Graduate Life Center and the signature initiative known as the Transformative Graduate Education (TGE) program. TGE provides an opportunity for doctoral and master's students to explore the connections between their roles and responsibilities as faculty members and professional practitioners. Knowledge, scholarly inquiry, leadership and social responsibility are the cornerstones of the TGE initiative.

Prior to her role at Virginia Tech, DePauw was a faculty member and administrator at Washington State University for 22 years. Her early career in the 1970s included teaching at the Los Angeles City and County Schools, as well as California State University – Los Angeles.

DePauw serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) as immediate past-Chair. She also served as President of the Council of Southern Graduate Schools and was a founding member and Facilitator/Chair for the Virginia Council of Graduate Schools.

DePauw earned her A.B. in sociology from Whittier College, her M.S. in special education from California State University, Long Beach, and her Ph.D. in kinesiology from Texas Woman's University.

