

## VP TAKES POSITION AT REDSTONE HIGHLANDS



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Born in Pittsburgh, Dormire began her fundraising career while in high school, co-chairing Kiski Area's Children's Hospital Fundraiser. They became the first school to hold a telethon and win the KDKA Jack Bogut "Farkleberry" Award for raising the most money. Following high school, she attended Grove City College, Grove City, Pa. Each summer, she interned at Mister Rogers Neighborhood, meeting everybody's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers. "I was blessed to have a most remarkable mentor in Fred Rogers," she recalled. After earning her bachelor's Dormire went on to get her master of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She then completed a residency in hospital chaplaincy at the University of Virginia. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she served as a hospital chaplain and a pastor before coming to work at the Seminary in 1994.

Since then she has worked in several areas of the administration including public relations, alumnae/i relations, and development. In 2003 she became the Seminary's vice president for seminary relations and development, being the first woman to hold a VP position. While in this position her staff and volunteers raised the highest annual fund and capital gifts in the Seminary's history. This funding helped develop the Miller Summer Youth Institute, build Calian Hall, and renovate the classrooms, Kadel Dining Hall, Barbour Library, and John Knox Room.

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