



Colleen Perry Keith, PhD  
President  
Pfeiffer University

Dr. Keith's appointment was approved by the board of trustees after a lengthy search by an internal committee that included representatives of the trustees, alumni board, and key academic and administrative departments.

Dr. Keith, who previously led Spartanburg Methodist College, lives on Pfeiffer's Misenheimer campus in the president's residence, which underwent numerous renovations prior to her arrival. She is heavily involved in the community and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation, as well as the National Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities of the United Methodist Church. Additionally, she's a member of the Board of Trustees for the Stanly County Community Foundation.

"Colleges and universities are meant to be vital parts of their communities," Dr. Keith said. "Meaningful relationships between higher education institutions and their local business and nonprofit counterparts are important to the economic health and stability of those organizations and the entire community."

Dr. Keith lives in Misenheimer with her husband, Barry, a clinical social worker who has opened his own private practice in downtown Albemarle. Barry Keith Counseling specializes in treating college-aged youth and younger, and their families. A baseball coach for nearly three decades, he is also the head baseball coach for Gray Stone Day School, a public charter high school located on Pfeiffer's Misenheimer campus. The Keiths have three dogs, Pepper, Stump and Daisy. Dr. Keith's son, Tim Hogan, is managing associate/digital media strategist for CLS Strategies, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Keith holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from State University of New York, University Center at Binghamton; master of education, education counseling from University of Pittsburgh; and doctorate of philosophy in higher education administration and student affairs from The Ohio State University. Prior experience includes executive director of development, Ohio University; director of development, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation; executive vice president, vice president of development and assistant to the president/capital campaign director for Methodist Theological School in Ohio.