

Barb Maylone Karper has enjoyed one of the longest and most illustrious careers in Le Moyne's history. During her five decades at Le Moyne, she has been called a "role model," "an inspiration," and "a mom away from home." As the face of student development for many students, her energy and charisma immediately captured students' attention when they arrived and the care she exhibited for them over the next four years earned her their lifelong affection and respect.

When she was hired in July 1974 it marked the formation of the student development function at Le Moyne. First serving as associate dean of students and then associate dean for campus activities, she was involved in virtually every student development function over her first 40 years at the College, from student activities to programming to orientation, including designing the Summer Welcome and Fall Arrival model used today.

She advised both the Student Senate and Le Moyne Student Programming Board, and developed and implemented numerous student leadership programs and workshops. She has served on the Diversity Committee, the ADA Committee, the Advisement Committee, the University Neighbor Partnership Committee, the 50 Year Jubilee Steering Committee, and was for many years the College's Title IX coordinator.

From 2014 to 2021, Karper worked in several roles, including as an advancement associate where she reconnected with many of her former students (and now alumni) at events across the state, arranged student trips with the help of alumni and was involved in planning and running the Founders' Day Gala. In 2021, she returned to her roots when she was named interim associate provost for Student Development and in the fall of 2023 became associate provost for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging.

She has received numerous accolades over the years. She received an Ignatian Award – Honorary Alumna in 2007 and in 2012 received the Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Jesuit Student Affairs Work from the Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators (JASPA), given annually to an individual who has made significant, specific accomplishments in the profession and has provided outstanding leadership to the campus and region. As the College kicked-off its 75-year celebration, Barb was honored at the 2020 Founders' Day, along with Gen Saya HA '97, Peg Dwyer '54 and Dr. Peg Snyder, as one of "Le Moyne's Trailblazing Women." In September 2024 at the College's annual Fall Convocation, she became only the third person to receive the William J. Bosch, S.J. Lifetime Achievement Award.

She has served on the Board of Trustees at the University of Scranton and is a past president of the Vera House Board of Directors. Karper received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Lincoln University and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Syracuse University