

## **Debra W. Stewart**

Debra Stewart became the fifth president of the Council of Graduate Schools in July, 2000. Before coming to the Council, Stewart was Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Graduate School at North Carolina State University. Prior to that she held a variety of leadership positions in North Carolina including Interim Chancellor at UNC-Greensboro (1994), and Graduate Dean (1988-1995) and then Vice Provost and Dean (1995-1998) at N.C. State. Stewart received her Ph.D. in Political Science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, her master's degree in government from the University of Maryland, and her B.A. from Marquette University where she majored in philosophy. The Council of Graduate Schools is the leading U.S. organization dedicated to the improvement and advancement of graduate education. Its over 500 members award 94% of all U.S. doctorates and approximately 75% of all U.S. master's degrees. CGS currently has 26 international universities among its membership.

As a national spokesperson for graduate education, Stewart's service to the community includes chairing the Graduate Record Examination Board, the Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education, the Board of Directors of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the Board of Directors of Council of Graduate Schools. She also served as vice chair of the ETS Board of Trustees, as Trustee of the Triangle Center for Advanced Studies, as a member the American Council on Education Board and several National Research Council committees and boards, as well as on advisory boards for the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate, the Responsive Ph.D. Project, and the Task Force on Immigration and America's Future.

In November 2007, her leadership in graduate education was recognized by the Universite Pierre et Marie Curie with an honorary doctorate. Her alma mater, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill honored her in October 2008 with the Distinguished Alumna Award. She is the author or coauthor of books and numerous scholarly articles on administrative theory and public policy. Her disciplinary research focuses on ethics and managerial decision making.