



National Organization of Research Development Professionals

**Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski NORDP Service Award  
2016 Recipient**



**Peggy Sundermeyer, Ed.D.**  
NORDP Board of Directors 2010-2016  
NORDP Treasurer 2011-2016  
Director Sponsored Research  
Trinity University

Peggy Sundermeyer has been a Founding Member of the Board of the Board of Directors and served as NORDP's Treasurer. Her careful stewardship and management of our organization's funds is one of the reasons NORDP was able to hire its first Executive Director. She is known to routinely make suggestions to manage our finances more effectively and efficiently. Her NORDP colleagues acknowledge her helpfulness, kindness, and eagerness to "step up" when something needs doing and an unrivaled source of information about NORDP's history, traditions, policies, and procedures. Above all, she is a superb connector and an extraordinary advocate for the best practices of research development. There are scores of NORDP members that have joined our organization and are actively serving our organization based on her inspiring leadership. In addition to serving as a member of the Executive Committee, Peggy has served on the following committees: Revenue & Finance, Executive Conference, Conference Planning, and Scholarships & Awards.

In her previous professional life Peggy served the Office of the Vice President for Research (1999-2014) as the Executive Director of Research Advancement (2006-2014) and as Coordinator of Professional Development (1996-2006) at the University of Minnesota. She is regarded as the type of colleague everyone wishes for. She is highly skilled in a variety of areas, committed to the development of collaboration and consensus, and dedicated to equity in all endeavors.

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The National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) Service Award was established in 2011 and named for the organization's founding President, Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski, Ph.D., who was the first recipient. The award, voted on by the Board of Directors, is given annually to a NORDP Member in recognition of outstanding service to the organization and to the Research Development profession. The honor is recognized with a commemorative plaque and free registration to the next year's NORDP Research Development Conference.