

LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY 2020 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



Marilyn Marousek '81, '86, Ph.D.
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Marilyn Marousek '81 enrolled at La Roche as a 22-year-old administrative assistant and left as a 45-year-old executive assistant with a master's degree in human resource management. Now she holds a Ph.D. in leadership and education with a specialization

in human resource development, and is an associate professor of administration at Barry University.

Her experiences at La Roche, she said, inspired her and her future career at Barry. Dr. Marousek said, "My classroom experience as a student at La Roche demonstrated a true learning and teaching experience, and a commitment to social justice values. I continue to emulate this commitment and these values as a full-time faculty member at Barry University."

Dr. Marousek teaches undergraduate, graduate and doctoral level classes as well as blended and online. She engages in research, creative work and community service, and she supports new course development. She holds the human resource certifications of SHRM-SCP, SPHR and GPHR.

Volunteerism also is a large part of Dr. Marousek's life; in 2010 she took on the role of Guardian ad Litem, appointed by the Twentieth Judicial Circuit for the Lee County, Florida, Juvenile Division. She said that this position is a great passion which allows her to make a difference in the lives of foster children.

"I love my Guardian ad Litem work, working with foster children and representing them in court. Making a difference in their young lives is so very rewarding, especially when a family is reunited or the children are placed in excellent, adoptive family homes. Many foster children are moved six to 10 times a year in foster care; the guardians often are the one constant and positive influence in their lives," she said.

Along with her work on the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Dr. Marousek has been a member of various organizations including: Florida South West State College's Human Services Advisory Committee; the Society for Human Resource Management; Faith Presbyterian Church; the International Association of Workplace Bullying & Harassment; the Southern Management Association; the Irish Academy of Management.

