Dr. Dru Marshall – Biography

Since 2011, Dru Marshall has been the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Calgary.

Prior to her appointment, Dru spent 30 years in a variety of influential and distinguished roles at the University of Alberta. She is regarded as one of Canada’s most experienced academic leaders and administrators.

Dru has been well published as one of Canada’s most recognized and respected experts in the field of exercise physiology, where she focused her research program on obesity in children. Dru is also highly regarded for her work in the area of women in sport and physical activity, particularly as it relates to coaching and research.

Throughout her career, Dru has been involved at the highest level of amateur sport as a coach, trainer and physiologist. She has received “Coach of the Year” distinctions on multiple occasions from 3M Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada and athletic associations that include the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union and the Canadian West University Athletic Association. She has twice been recognized as one of the most influential women in sport in Canada by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) and last year, was recognized as a WXN Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada.

Dru credits her coaching experience for helping shape in part her executive leadership style, where she has earned a reputation as a strong team leader, team builder and mentor.