



**Margaret A. "Meg" Cline, CFA, CFP**  
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Margaret A. (Meg) Cline returned to the University of Illinois Foundation as Vice President for Gift Planning and Trust Services in February 2015 after serving for five years as the Associate Dean for Advancement for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). Prior to that, she was Director of Principal Gifts and a Gift Planning Advisor with the University of Illinois Foundation.

Meg graduated from the University of Illinois from the College of ACES in 1996 and MBA in 2009. Before originally joining the Foundation in March of 2005, Meg worked for the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) in Jefferson City, Missouri where she assisted in the management of institutional investment portfolios and was the key liaison for all communication and education on investment matters with the Board of Trustees, retirees, the press, and general public. Prior to her time with MOSERS, Meg worked for the University of Missouri – Columbia in planned giving and began her career in the fee-only financial planning industry in Columbus, Ohio with Budros, Ruhlin, & Roe. She entered the financial planning industry as a student intern for Dr. Thomas L. Frey, emeritus faculty member of ACE and founder of Frey Financial.

Meg holds the Certified Financial Planner® designation and the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. She is a member of the Financial Planning Association, the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, a current board member for the Chicago Council on Planned Giving, the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners, the Eastern Illinois Estate Planning Council (serving as a board member for six years and past president), is a regent of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and chair of the Endowment and Development Committee, and is an active member of P.E.O., a social sorority committed to providing educational opportunities to women. She currently serves as the District V Membership Representative for the Illinois State Chapter of P.E.O. She is past president of the Illinois 4-H House Alumni Association. She has served as a board member for the Crisis Nursery in Champaign-Urbana, board member and treasurer for the Missouri Association of Public Employee

Retirement Systems, and served on the board of the Financial Planning Association of Greater Columbus Ohio. In 2002, Meg was recognized as the University of Illinois Outstanding Young Alumni for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. In 2018, Meg was also recognized as the Outstanding Alumna by the Illinois 4-H House Association.

Raised on a farm in Stark County, Illinois, Meg now resides in Champaign, Illinois with her husband, Scott, and their fifteen-year-old daughter, Anna Kate.