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Sherrill Williams Ragans is a native Georgian. She came to Florida State in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in history from Tift College—now known as Tift College of Mercer University—and a master's in student personnel from the University of Southern Mississippi. She first served as a hall director at FSU, and she later served as director of Housing and as assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Ragans was appointed associate vice president for Student Affairs in 1988 and served that year as interim vice president for Student Affairs. She is especially proud to have been an initiator and leader as FSU developed its commitment to increased attention to student civic engagement. She retired in 2003.

Ragans has served many organizations as a volunteer and board member, including Mercer University, the United Way of the Big Bend and Leon County's PACE Center for Girls. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the state-wide board of trustees for the PACE Center For Girls. Since retirement, she has continued to connect with FSU as a board member of the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education and as a docent for FSU's heritage program. Ragans is currently chairing the Women for Florida State University Executive Committee.

Mercer University awarded her an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters in 2007. Her work on behalf of FSU students was recognized in 2006 when a residence hall was named and dedicated as Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall.