Dr. Marcia (Lease) Buck '81

Marcia was active in the arts while a student at Caston including four years of participation in band, chorus and drama club. She was also a member of the swing choir, Sunshine Society, National Honor Society and on the yearbook staff her senior year. Upon graduation Marcia headed to Purdue University where she completed her undergraduate and graduate work in Pharmacy with honors of distinction. She went on to do both a residency and fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina.

Since 1989 Marcia has worked for the University of Virginia Health System in the area of Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy. She has also been a Professor of Pediatrics for the University of Virginia School of Medicine since 1991. She has served on committees, as a board member, and as President for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Marcia has fulfilled leadership roles for the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development. She has been a speaker and member of the mentoring program for the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group. Throughout her career Marcia has dedicated herself to research in her field and is well published in multiple books and multimedia texts, original research and case reports, review articles, opinion papers, etc. She is the founder and contributing author/editor for an international open-access peer-reviewed newsletter initiated in 1995 entitled: Pediatric Pharmacotherapy: A Monthly Review for Health Care Professionals. University of Virginia Children's Hospital. Marcia has received numerous prestigious honors and awards since the inception of her career, including being named as a Purdue University Distinguished Alumna. She is especially known for her dedication to teaching and mentoring the next generation of healthcare providers who care for infants, children, and adolescents.

Marcia met her husband Carl at Purdue. They have been married for 32 years and have two sons, Jeffrey David Buck and Christopher James Buck. Jeff is a mechanical engineer and works for ONeil Engineering in Richmond, Virginia. Chris is currently a history major at Virginia Tech. Marcia and Carl restored and live in a 250-year old house known as Old Boyd Tavern, a colonial tavern with ties to Thomas Jefferson, that was also visited by the Marquis de Lafayette and Daniel Boone. The house is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register. They are members of South Plains Presbyterian Church, where Marcia serves as church historian.