television's longest-running, most watched history series, airs on Mondays at 9:00 p.m. on PBS.)

Although her current position is not directly tied to sports, the job has kindled yet another new passion for her. In addition to her affinity for athletics, as well as a penchant for television and media, Russell has developed an unbridled enthusiasm for history. "We all grew up with history having a reputation for being boring. History is not boring," she says. "It's amazing what you can learn about who we are as a people and how over time we have adapted to change. Having perspective is important."

Through the years, Russell has maintained close ties with Assumption in several ways. In 2001, she was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. "It's an honor I treasure," she says. She currently co-teaches an advanced television production course with Tom Burke G'98, supervisor for Media Services, and has joined a committee to raise funds for the Dr. Maurice Plass Scholarship Fund. "'Doc,' as we called him, was the perfect example of someone who gave back everything in him to the school and to the students," she says. Additionally, she is working with the College's athletic director to assess the renovation needs of Laska Gymnasium and to solicit other athletic alumni to help support the project.

Passion and creativity have played important roles throughout Russell's life. Whether on the tennis court or in the workplace, she has explored the unique and utilized her creative instincts with positive results.