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Harford Community College Announces New President

Phillips to lead community college in Bel Air

The Board of Trustees of Harford Community College has announced Dianna G. Phillips, Ph.D. as the new President of the institution. Phillips will guide the community college, which offers academic preparation for transfer to four-year institutions as well as workforce development.

Phillips comes to Harford Community College from the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., where she has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the University of the District of Columbia Community College since 2014. Phillips has previously held senior positions at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey and Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York. She began her career in higher education when she served as the Base Coordinator for Southern Illinois University Carbondale's workforce development program at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida.

Harford Community College is located in Bel Air, Maryland. Dr. James J. Valdes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated, "Dr. Dianna Phillips is the kind of leader we envisioned when we launched our search for the next president of Harford Community College. Her breadth of experience in community college education and her background with the military is a strong fit with the College's needs at this important juncture in its history. We are in an environment of rapid technological and societal change and Dr. Phillips' challenge will be to exploit the opportunities that always accompany change."

Dr. Phillips earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo and received an M.S. in Student Personnel Administration from Buffalo State College. Before attending graduate school, she graduated from National University in San

Diego with a B.B.A. in Business. Additionally, she earned an A.G.S. degree from Chaminade University in Hawaii while serving as a Communications Specialist in the United States Navy.

“Harford Community College is a recognized leader among community colleges in the state of Maryland. Dr. Phillips is a visionary who will provide the leadership we need to guide the College into its next phase of development,” said Rich Norling, Vice Chairman of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees.

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About Harford Community College

Located on more than 350 beautifully landscaped acres near Bel Air, Maryland, Harford Community College has been helping people reach their goals since 1957. Offering more than 70 affordable degree and certificate programs of study to nearly 2,000 full-time and 7,500 part-time students, as well as a wide variety of noncredit continuing education courses to nearly 11,000 students a year, HCC’s top priority is the quality of education it provides. HCC’s dedicated and decorated faculty members encourage learning beyond the classroom, and the College’s small class sizes help students get the personal attention they need to be successful.