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Chancellor Appoints Interim President for Eastern Shore Community College *~ Begins Search for ESCC's Next Permanent President ~*

RICHMOND – Dr. Glenn DuBois, the chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges, announced today that he is appointing an interim president to lead Eastern Shore Community College following the retirement of its current president early next year.

Dr. Billy Greer begins work on January 22, 2018. Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, who has served as the college's president since 2009, recently announced that she is retiring in January. DuBois further announced the search for the college's next permanent president will begin immediately, and will take approximately six months to complete.

Greer retired as the president of Virginia Wesleyan College in 2015, a position he held for some 22 years. Prior to that, Greer served as the president of two different small colleges: Brevard College in North Carolina and Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA.

"Billy Greer has the experience and community familiarity to help us as the interim president of Eastern Shore Community College," said DuBois. "His resume includes presidencies at three different higher education institutions. We have every reason to believe that Dr. Greer will maintain the standard of leadership to which the college has grown accustomed as we conduct a national search to find ESCC's next permanent president."

Greer was a visiting scholar at the Princeton Theological Seminary and served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Schools and Colleges and on the Commission on Campus Concerns of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He holds a doctorate from Georgia State University and a doctorate from Emory University; a master's degree from Drew University; and a bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University.

"This is a terrific opportunity, and I'm excited to have it," said Greer. "My family and I have long loved the Eastern Shore. It's a special place for us and I view this as a chance to give something back to the Shore. Dr. Thomas-Glover has been a tremendous leader for the college,

and we're going to miss her greatly. It's a privilege to have the chance to follow behind her and keep the college moving in the right direction."

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System and serves the residents of Accomack and Northampton Counties as a two-year institution of higher education. Originally a branch of the University of Virginia, ESCC joined the Virginia Community College System in 1971. The college was accredited and granted membership in the Southern Association of College Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in 1973 and moved to its current location in 1974.

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