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Halifax Community College Announces Commencement Speaker for 59th Annual Commencement Ceremony



Mr. Eddie Buffaloe, Jr., Retired NC Secretary of Public Safety, current Deputy Chief of the Administrative Services Division for the Raleigh Police Department

WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA – Halifax Community College is pleased to announce that Mr. Eddie Buffaloe, Jr., retired North Carolina Secretary of Public Safety and current Deputy Chief of the Administrative Services Division for the Raleigh Police Department, will serve as the keynote speaker at the College’s 59th Annual Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held on campus at the Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. Centre. The 59th Annual Commencement Ceremony will celebrate the achievements of Halifax Community College’s graduating class of 2026, recognizing students who have completed degree, diploma, and certificate programs.

A Northampton County native, Mr. Buffaloe brings more than three decades of leadership experience in public safety and law enforcement. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has served in numerous roles, including police chief, deputy sheriff, correctional officer, law enforcement instructor, and director of public safety. He also previously served as Secretary and Homeland Security Advisor for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, where he played a key role in statewide emergency preparedness, public safety operations, and homeland security initiatives.

Mr. Buffaloe holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and





Security. He currently serves on several professional boards, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police.

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