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Dr. Patrena Elliott, President/CEO of Halifax Community College

Halifax Community College President Reappointed to National AACC Commission

WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA – Halifax Community College (HCC) is proud to announce that Dr. Patrena Benton Elliott, President of Halifax Community College, has been reappointed to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Commission on Professional Learning and Leadership Capacity for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2028.

The reappointment recognizes Dr. Elliott's continued leadership and commitment to advancing excellence in community college education on a national level. As a member of the commission, she will collaborate with community college leaders from across the country to provide guidance and recommendations that help shape professional development initiatives and strengthen leadership capacity throughout the nation's community colleges.

"I am honored to continue serving on the AACC Commission on Professional Learning and Leadership

Capacity," said Dr. Elliott. "This opportunity allows me to collaborate with exceptional leaders from across the country while bringing innovative ideas and best practices back to Halifax Community College. Together, we can continue strengthening leadership development and expanding opportunities that benefit our students, faculty, staff, and the communities we serve."

In its appointment letter, the AACC Board of Directors expressed confidence that Dr. Elliott's "insights and leadership will significantly contribute to the Board's decision-making process and its ability to serve the interests of all AACC member institutions."

The American Association of Community Colleges is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges, representing nearly 1,000 two-year institutions and more than 10 million students. Through its commissions, AACC engages experienced higher education leaders to help guide national priorities, develop policy recommendations, and advance innovation across the community college sector.





Halifax Community College's Mission

Halifax Community College strives to meet the diverse needs of our community by providing high-quality, accessible and affordable education and services for a rapidly changing and globally competitive marketplace.

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