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Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes Elected VP of Commonwealth Campuses

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Madlyn L. Hanes, Chancellor of Penn State Harrisburg, will replace John J. Romano as vice president of Commonwealth Campuses according to a release on the PSH website. Hanes, who completes ten years on the campus 1 July when she officially takes her new role, won the position following a national search, committee screening and interview with the university Provost and President. Following a recommendation by President Spanier, the Board of Trustees officially approved the position 19 March, 2010.

Hanes looks forward to the position, according to a recent interview via email.

"As chancellor I provide leadership to advance the college's vision and mission and the resources to realize our priorities. I am also the chief steward of the Penn State brand—a quality education. As vice president, my work will be similar, but my portfolio of responsibilities extends to the 19 campuses... and will involve much more travel."

In addition to the added responsibility, Hanes also noted the good fortune of staying with the university.

"The silver lining in all this, is that I'll still be working with my colleagues and the college," wrote Hanes. "As vice president I'll be working with all the campuses."

While the chancellor reports that she is generous with her time, she suspects that the new challenges will take a greater portion of her time. With 19 campuses falling under her domain, it seems time will become, a very precious commodity.

"Careful organization and scheduling, and staying focused on priorities will be a necessity," wrote Hanes.

Before her current role, Hanes served as the campus executive officer of Penn State Great Valley, School of Graduate Professional Studies and Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Despite titles, the VP to be pointed to college's accomplishments as some of her fondest memories.



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Pictured above from is Madlyn L. Hanes and Mukund Kulkarni at last year's Convocation.

"I am filled with hope and anticipation at the start of each academic year; and, of course, at graduation ceremonies, I feel enormous pride in our students' accomplishments when they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. I will remember these times, in particular, with great fondness. I have always felt and will continue to believe that the truest measure of our success as a college is the success of our students and alumni."

Replacing Hanes as Interim Chancellor will be Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, Senior Associate Dean

for Academic Affairs. The process of finding the full time chancellor will include a national announcement of the position, a search, interviews with a screening committee, and a meeting between the final candidates and the PSH community of advisors, students, and faculty.

When asked about leaving PSH, the chancellor gave credit to all the people who have contributed to the college and those who made her experience fulfilling with Penn State.

"These last ten years at the college have been the most enjoyable of

my professional career. My time here has been rewarding both personally and professionally. I have made lifelong friends and colleagues. I am grateful for the many community members, alumni and donors who have given generously of their time, talent and treasure; and students who, in my time, have become accomplished and dedicated alumni. But most of all, I am grateful that I will remain linked to the college in my new role."

Based on an interview conducted by Jenna DeNoyelles, Editor in Chief of Capital Times.