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## **A SUMMER OF CHANGE WITH NEW LEADERSHIP IN NH HIGHER EDUCATION**

### *Six New College Presidents, New Chancellor Take the Helm*

**Concord** - There will be plenty of fresh faces on college and university campuses throughout New Hampshire this fall, and that's not just the incoming freshman class. Of the 22 colleges and universities who are members of the New Hampshire College & University Council, seven of those institutions will have new leaders in the corner office. That's the largest number of new postsecondary leadership changes to occur in New Hampshire in recent memory.

Schools with new Presidents are: **Dartmouth College, Saint Anselm College, River Valley Community College, Keene State College, Antioch University New England, and Granite State College.** **A new chancellor also takes over for the University System of New Hampshire.**

“With a new chancellor and six new presidents come new ideas for higher education, and we are excited to welcome these new leaders,” says Tom Horgan, President of the New Hampshire College and University Council. “These changes are taking place at every level of our higher education community, with new leadership arriving at New Hampshire’s public and private, two-year, four-year, graduate and Ivy League levels.”

The American Council on Education reports that there will be a major turnover in higher education leadership across the country in coming years, with the average age of a college or university president now over sixty-one. New Hampshire is certainly seeing major change occurring on its campuses across the state. “We have been most fortunate to have strong, respected and longstanding leaders serving our institutions over the years who have valued the collegial culture of inter-institutional collaboration,” said Horgan. “I am confident our new leaders will continue to support the importance of our unique history of public and private

institutions working together to reduce costs, share scarce resources and build critical partnerships.”

The new education leaders bring experience from a variety of places, including New York, Michigan, Maryland, Alaska and Wisconsin. With them will come a variety of ideas on new curriculum, student recruitment and expansion of programs. “This is an exciting time for new higher education leadership for New Hampshire,” says Horgan. “I would expect we will see new priorities identified, new programs developed and new ways of responding to the workforce needs of the Granite State emerge over the next several years.”

Here is a rundown of the new Presidents and Chancellor:

1. Dartmouth College – **Dr. Philip J. Hanlon** became the 18th president of Dartmouth College on June 10, 2013. He is the 10th Dartmouth alumnus to serve as its president and the first since 1987. An accomplished academic and administrative leader, Hanlon had been a University of Michigan faculty member since 1986 and served in a succession of administrative leadership roles there for more than a decade, most recently as the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~president/bio/>

2. Saint Anselm College – **Dr. Steven R. DiSalvo** is the first layperson to be named president in the college's 125-year history. He succeeds Father Jonathan DeFelice, O.S.B., who retired this summer after 24 years as president. Dr. DiSalvo previously served as president of Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and as president and founder of The Hopewell Group, Inc. He was also Executive Director of the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation. He has worked for three Jesuit universities, Fordham, Loyola Chicago and Fairfield, where he raised money and worked in the office of the president. <http://www.anselm.edu/News/Presidential-Transition.htm>

3. River Valley Community College - **Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith** will serve as the 7th president of RVCC. Dr. Harvey-Smith comes to River Valley with twenty-five years of experience in higher education. Her previous position was vice president for student affairs at Baltimore City Community College in Baltimore, Maryland, a public institution serving 19,000 students annually. There she led initiatives in student recruitment, student retention and graduation strategies, workforce development and industry partnerships. <http://www.rivervalley.edu/PresidentSearchPR.html>

4. Keene State College – **Dr. Anne E. Huot** is a New Hampshire native who brings 23 years of academic leadership to her post as President of Keene State College. For the past six years, she served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at The College at Brockport, State University of New York where she provided leadership and vision in the areas of academics, campus climate, strategic planning, and community and business relations. [http://www.keene.edu/admin/ah\\_bio.cfm](http://www.keene.edu/admin/ah_bio.cfm)

5. Antioch University New England – **Dr. Stephen B. Jones**. Prior to his presidency at Urbana University in Ohio, Dr. Jones served as chancellor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks from

2004 to 2008. He was vice chancellor for extension and engagement at North Carolina State University from 2001 to 2004 and director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System at Auburn University from 1997 to 2001. <http://www.antiochne.edu/employeedirectory/stephen-jones/>

6. Granite State College – **Kathleen A. Mullin** assumes the title of Chief Administrative Officer. She took over the leadership role beginning July 1, 2013. Previously she served at GSC as the Chief of Staff after coming north from Northeastern University as the Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs. She brings more than 33 years' experience in the Boston Public Schools as a teacher, director and special assistant to the superintendent for high school reform. <http://www.granite.edu/about/welcome.php>

7. University System of New Hampshire – **Dr. Todd J. Leach** is the Chancellor of the University System. Dr. Leach leaves his post as president of Granite State College for the USNH role. Prior to his presidency at GSC, Dr. Leach served as the Senior Associate Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University, where he developed over 20 masters and doctoral degree programs. <http://www.usnh.edu/about/chanc.shtml>

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