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### *Celebrating a Diamond Anniversary*

#### **Pennsylvania's 15 Community Colleges to Advance PA with "PA Works!" Under New Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges Leadership Team**

The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC) is pleased to announce a new approach to workforce development as it celebrates 60 years of educating citizens of the Commonwealth while serving as its workforce provider.

Entitled, PA Works!, this unique, comprehensive workforce approach highlights pre-apprenticeships, microcredentials and working with Pennsylvania's Career and Education Centers.

"For 60 years, the Commission has represented our institutions with distinction and unwavering commitment," said Dr. Quintin Bullock, President of the Community College of Allegheny County and Chair of the PACCC Board. "The Commission plays a vital role as a convener, communicator, and organizer, uniting our internal and external stakeholders around shared priorities. PA Works! stands as a powerful example of the impact and leadership this role makes possible."

One such example of PA Works! is the debut of a Technology and Trades Workforce Consortium in the Expanded Northeast Region of Pennsylvania that involves Luzerne County Community College, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Northampton Community College and Bucks County Community College. This collaborative effort addresses workforce needs in the construction and buildout of Amazon Hyperscale Data Centers planned for Salem Township in Luzerne County and Falls Township in Bucks County.

The consortium model, as coordinated by the PACCC, will replicate throughout the state with other regional community colleges when more hyperscale data centers are constructed. The PA Works! approach strategically coordinates resources, avoids duplicative investments, and accelerates innovative college and industry collaborations that will streamline a fragmented workforce development system to deliver the highest quality workforce in Pennsylvania history.

PA Works! will not only address the building out and eventual staffing of hyperscale data centers, but it will also meet other high priority workforce needs using a regional strategy across the Commonwealth. This effort is spearheaded by new leadership at the PACCC.

After a one-year stint in interim capacities, the PACCC Board of Directors named Dr. Tuesday Stanley and Dr. Nick Neupauer to permanent executive positions starting this academic year.

Dr. Stanley brings a wealth of higher education experience, especially in the community college sector, to the PACCC President and CEO position. Prior to this position, she served as President of Westmoreland County Community College (WCCC) from 2014-2024 and has also served in leadership roles in community colleges in Missouri, Texas and New Jersey. In addition to working with the Commission, Dr. Stanley is consulting with higher education institutions and ed-tech companies.

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"I am honored and humbled to work in this capacity for the Commission," Dr. Stanley stated. "Our mission is as important now as it's ever been over our 60-year history – affordable, accessible and high-quality education for the communities we serve."

Dr. Neupauer has continued to serve as PACCC Vice President after his interim stint. He was President of Butler County Community College (BC3) from 2007-2024. Prior, he was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at BC3. Dr. Neupauer also serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice with a focus on Community College Leadership in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

"To work with our 15 presidents, their boards, and Dr. Stanley is so important and special to me," Dr. Neupauer said. "With such great leadership at our colleges, our sector and the Commission are poised to continue to meet statewide, regional and local workforce needs. This is exactly what the Commission has done for over six decades. This is what the Commission will continue to do. PA Works! is a great example."

Both Drs. Stanley and Neupauer served as a PACCC Board Chair during their tenures as President at their respective institutions.

"As former community college presidents, both Dr. Stanley and Dr. Neupauer are used to working with boards, elected officials and stakeholders of all kinds," Dr. Bullock said. "We are pleased with our work at the Commission and our role in advancing Pennsylvania under their leadership."

Lil Nesbit, Executive Assistant to the President/CEO since 2009, anchors the home office for the PACCC, which recently located to the Ted Lick Administration Building on the campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

"While we are relatively flat as an organizational structure, the Commission works with the various offices within our 15 community colleges to advance our mission and strategic plan," Dr. Stanley stated. "We are also pleased that in this model the Commission is able to represent our sector in an appropriate fashion with various statewide partners."

The PA Works! approach is something the PACCC will enhance moving forward.

"It is an example of our institutions being part of a "go-to" sector," Dr. Stanley said. "The initiative symbolizes our roles in being able to pivot and provide needed training and educational opportunities in the communities we serve. The fact that this approach is debuting during our diamond anniversary makes it that much more special."

#### **Who we are:**

**The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges is a nonprofit, volunteer membership association and the primary advocate for Pennsylvania's 15 community colleges. Members include the college presidents, members of the colleges' boards of trustees and key college administrators. The Commission provides leadership on issues affecting the colleges and represents the collective needs, vision and values of the colleges to state and federal policymakers.**

**The Commission also assists the colleges in developing positions on their areas of concern, acts as a liaison and facilitator to share information, and coordinates data collection on a statewide level to support the colleges' advocacy efforts.**

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