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Hampton Hopkins Named as New Carolinas College of Health Sciences President

Charlotte, NC, June 6, 2016 – Carolinas College of Health Sciences' Board of Directors announced today the selection of T. Hampton Hopkins, EdD, as the new College president. Dr. Hopkins has served as the dean of student affairs and enrollment management at Carolinas College since 2001. He will become the third president of the College when he assumes the role June 12.

"Dr. Hopkins is the clear choice to lead the College forward into the rapidly changing environment affecting education of healthcare professionals," said C. Marcus Harris, chair of the College's board of directors. "His experience, vision, leadership skills, dedication and enthusiasm will serve us well as the College faces these challenging times."

The Board began its search for a new president in October 2015 after Ellen Sheppard, EdD, announced her retirement as president effective June 30. She has served 22 years with the College, 15 of those as president.

Dr. Hopkins has more than 22 years of experience in higher education in various student affairs leadership positions with the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College (Knoxville, TN). While at Carolinas College, Dr. Hopkins has been instrumental in increasing student enrollment by 31 percent since 2001. He also created and developed student support services including the nationally recognized student success center and online application, registration and transcript processes.

"Dr. Hopkins brings an established record of leadership, a genuine love of Carolinas College of Health Sciences, its students and faculty, and a great vision for its future," said Michael E. Ruhlen, MD, vice president of medical education for Carolinas HealthCare System. "The College has a clear opportunity to mold and develop young talent to meet our patients' needs for decades to come. I am impressed with the quality and dedication of CCHS students and look forward to their collective success."

Dr. Hopkins also serves as an adjunct instructor for several colleges where he has developed and taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, including strategic planning, academic governance, higher education law, research methods, student development theory and community college leadership. Dr. Hopkins is the author of numerous professional papers and has presented at regional and national conferences more than 20 times. He is regularly invited to deliver professional presentations and consultations, workshops and keynote speeches.

"I am honored and excited the board of directors has selected me as the next president of Carolinas College," said Dr. Hopkins. "While our established reputation for academic rigor and student success has been well documented, we must continue to provide the academic, financial and social support necessary to ensure students can achieve their goals. We must explore new degree offerings and distinctive opportunities for students to expand their understanding of health care within their chosen program and in an interdisciplinary, team-based environment."

Dr. Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Winthrop University with a

concentration in marketing, a master's degree in leadership studies from the University of Tennessee with a concentration in higher education administration and a doctorate in educational leadership with a concentration in educational research at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His dissertation on the development and validation of scores on a student retention survey won the UNCC College of Education Outstanding Research Proposal Design Award and the Legacy for Leadership Outstanding Dissertation Award. He has been active in his profession having served on the board of directors of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He has also served on regional and national leadership teams for the National Association for Campus Activities and the Association of College Unions-International.

Dr. Hopkins is active in the community currently serving on the advisory board for Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences and having previously served on the board of directors of the Charlotte Area Education Consortium, the Matthews Alive Festival and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers. He previously served on the Charlotte Metro Credit Union Regional Advisory Board, the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Town of Stallings and the Planning and Zoning Board for the Town of Matthews.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences (CarolinasCollege.edu), consistently ranked among the best two-year colleges in the nation, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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