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State Board of Education selects presidents for three community colleges

Montgomery, Alabama – Today the Alabama State Board of Education (SBE) approved Anne McNutt as president of Bevill State Community College, W. Darryl Harrison as president of Gadsden State Community College, and Herbert Riedel as president of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College at its regular board meeting.

“In the last 12 months you all have appointed nine phenomenal college presidents to an already outstanding group in the two-year college system,” Chancellor Bradley Byrne stated as he talked to the SBE members regarding their approvals. “You all are doing great work and your processes are working well for the system.”

In recommending the candidates for the presidential positions, Chancellor Byrne spoke to the experience, leadership and commitment that each candidate would bring to their respective posts.

“Thank you so much for your vote of confidence,” McNutt said as she addressed the State Board of Education and Chancellor Byrne. “Bevill State has wonderful opportunities and I think that the area is going to be so important to the economic development of the state. I found the community at Bevill to be warm and receptive and I look forward to working with the community and the college to take Bevill to the next level.”

McNutt currently serves as president of the Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort, SC, a position she has held for 21 years. Prior to that, she served as dean of instruction at Nashville State Technical Community College in Nashville, TN. Her additional experience with two-year colleges includes service as a faculty member and interim president.

Harrison is vice president for academic affairs at West Georgia Technical College in LaGrange, GA. Previously, he served in various administrative positions at Northwestern Technical College, including director of Continuing Education and director of Instruction and Distance Education.

“I would like to thank the board and Chancellor Byrne for this opportunity,” stated Harrison. “I look forward to coming back to the State of Alabama and particularly living in the Gadsden area. It is an exciting time for that area. I am looking forward to being there and appreciate the opportunity to serve again in the state.”

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Riedel, the newly appointed president of LBW stated, "I am deeply honored and thrilled to be coming to Alabama and joining the two-year college system. My family is just as excited as I am and we have felt nothing but warmth from the community and the college. Thank you very much for this opportunity."

Currently Riedel serves as vice president for instruction and student development at Northeast Texas Community College in Mt. Pleasant, TX. Prior to that, he served as deputy director of the Nanoscience Technology Center at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. His additional experience with community colleges includes service as a faculty member, department head and division chair.

Both Harrison and Riedel will assume their presidential posts effective January 1, 2009. McNutt will assume her presidential position on January 15, 2009.

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Photo Outline:

Newly appointed two-year college presidents (from left to right) Dr. Herbert Riedel, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College; Dr. Anne McNutt, Bevill State Community College, and Dr. W. Darryl Harrison, Gadsden State Community College