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**Chancellor recommends Franks for Central Alabama Community College  
presidency**

**Montgomery, Alabama** – Bradley R. Byrne, chancellor of Alabama's two-year college system, will recommend Stephen Franks as the next president of Central Alabama Community College to the Alabama State Board of Education at its Nov. 8 board meeting.

Byrne plans to recommend Franks for the position after completing a presidential search process which brought in 61 applicants from across the country. Linda McGuirt has served as interim president since June 2006, replacing interim president Susan Salatto, when she accepted a presidency at Southern Union State Community College. Salatto's interim appointment in September 2004 filled the vacancy left by long-term president Dr. James Cornell, who transferred to Mobile to work with the Alabama Technology Network. Cornell had served as president of Nunnally State Technical College prior to its merger with Central Alabama Community College in 1989.

"With over 30 years experience as an educator, and his wealth of knowledge in the area of workforce development, Dr. Franks is uniquely qualified. Having lived and worked in the community, he is committed to the success of the students and is excited to be a part of the college's role in forging expanded civic and economic partnerships within the community," Byrne said.

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Franks most recently served as chancellor of Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden, Arkansas. Prior to that, he served as director of Arkansas's Department of Workforce Education in Little Rock. Previously, he served as the director of the Division of Vocational Education Services with the Alabama State Department of Education and as coordinator of curriculum and information services with Auburn University's Department of Vocational and Adult Education. Franks also served for seven years with the Alabama Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve.

Franks' experience includes previous employment with Alabama's two-year college system. From 1984 – 1988, he held the position of dean of instruction at John M. Patterson State Technical College (now the Patterson Campus of Trenholm State Technical College), where he was responsible for all its instructional programs, training for industry, and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) programs; and as an adjunct instructor at Athens State University. Previously, he served as an instructor at Nunnellely State Technical College in Childersburg (now the Childersburg campus of Central Alabama Community College), where he assisted in the development and implementation of a developmental education program for disadvantaged students.

Franks received his doctorate in Occupational and Adult Education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He holds a master's degree in vocational education and a bachelor's degree in education/industrial education from the University of Alabama.

Central Alabama Community College is located in Alexander City, with a branch campus in Childersburg and an instructional site in Talledega, to serve students in Tallapoosa, Talladega, Coosa, and parts of Shelby and Clay counties. Central Alabama is part of the Alabama College System, offering associate degrees, academic courses that are fully transferable to four-year institutions, workforce training, and adult education.

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