

DSU Appoints Dr. Ronald H. Blackmon Interim Provost

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Delaware State University has announced the appointment of Dr. Ronald H. Blackmon as the interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs

Dr. Blackmon will take over the Provost Office on Jan. 6 as result of the selection of current Provost Harry L. Williams to be the 10th president of Delaware State University. The interim provost will fill that position while a national search process is implemented for a permanent provost.

DSU is not entirely new to Dr. Blackmon who graduated from then-Delaware State College in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He went on to earn a Master of Science in Zoology and a Ph.D. in Cell Biology both from Howard University.

He comes to DSU after serving as the provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina from 2005-2008. He has also served as dean at that university's School of Mathematics, Science & Technology from 2002-2005, and as the chair of its Department of Biology from 1995-2002. During his time at that institution he progressed from assistant professor to full professor from 1989-2008.

In addition to being a DSU alumnus, Dr. Blackmon is also familiar with the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program that exists at DSU. He was enrolled in the MARC program at Howard University during his graduate studies in 1985.

"Dr. Blackmon not only comes to the University with an already established background as a provost overseeing academic affairs, but he also has a strong connection to this institution as an alumnus of DSU and also the MARC program," said President-select Harry L. Williams. "For those reasons, I am confident that his work at DSU will be reflective of his leadership experience and his love for his alma mater."

Dr. Blackmon said he is excited about returning home. "As an alumnus, I can personally attest to the high quality of the education offered by Delaware State University and look forward to joining the exceptional faculty, staff and administrators who will be moving the University to the next level," he said.

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