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Dr. Prince Bull of Durham, N.C., to Begin New Post at GWU on July 1

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Officials at Gardner-Webb University are thrilled to announce that Dr. Prince Bull has been appointed as the new dean of the GWU School of Education beginning July 1. Bull replaces Dr. Doug Eury, who retired from the post last summer. Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Bruce Boyles has served as interim dean since last August.

“It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the dean of the School of Education to build upon the legacy of Gardner-Webb University,” Bull stated. “I would like to thank the leadership of Gardner-Webb University for trusting me with this awesome leadership role. All praise and thanks to God.”

Bull, who currently lives in Durham, N.C., is a professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the School of Education at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), where he has served since 2008. With over 25 years of leadership experience in both higher education and the public school system, Bull was recently awarded a grant by the UNC system to develop the first competency-based education (CBE) degree program in elementary education and middle grades education in the UNC system.

He is a Quality Matters certified peer reviewer and online facilitator. In 2012, he received the NCCU Teaching Excellence Award. Bull has authored *Understanding Technology Integration to Prepare Millennial Students for 21st Century Education* (2010), as well as numerous articles and other publications. In addition to an active research program, Bull is in demand as a keynote speaker and workshop leader, especially in the areas of educational technology and teaching modalities.

“I am grateful for the tireless work of the search committee and especially grateful to Dr. Bruce Boyles for the exceptional leadership he has provided to the School of Education over these last several months as interim dean,” shared Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU provost and executive vice president. “We look forward to Dean Bull’s leadership in the School of Education as Gardner-Webb University continues to advance its signature program of support for North Carolina teacher education and educational leadership.”

Boyles wholeheartedly agrees with Leslie's sentiments. "We are excited to welcome Dr. Bull as the new dean for the School of Education," he affirmed. "He has strong experience as a public school teacher and administrator as well as service in higher education. He has designed and led programs that have made a significant difference in the lives of students both at the university level and in the schools and districts where they serve. His expertise will be an asset for the School of Education and for Gardner-Webb University, and we look forward to having him join us."

Bull's extensive education and degrees include Bachelor of Arts in History/Law and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Sierra Leone (Freetown, Sierra Leone), a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Supervision and a Master of Education in Special Education from North Carolina Central University. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from North Carolina State University (Raleigh, N.C.).

"I look forward with great anticipation to working with students, staff, faculty and administrators," Bull reflected, "to implement innovative programs designed to produce the next generation of transformative and socially-responsive, highly-qualified educators to meet the needs of North Carolina and beyond."

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