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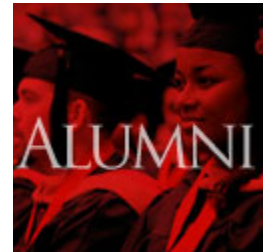
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Darcy Craven Serves Florence, South Carolina's Carolinas Hospital System

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University Alumnus Darcy Craven was recently named chief executive officer (CEO) of Carolinas Hospital System, located in Florence, S.C. Craven had already been serving as CEO in an interim role, while continuing his former position as chief operating officer (COO) for the hospital. The Charlotte, N.C., based hospital system is part of a 132-hospital network.



Craven told a South Carolina newspaper, "I am proud to serve the patients of Carolinas Hospital System and be a part of its history of providing high quality care. I look forward to continuing our reputation of excellent service to this community."

Craven, 41, received his master's degree in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb in 2007 and, prior to that, a bachelor's degree from the University of Manitoba, located in Winnipeg-Manitoba, Canada. His accomplishments since joining Carolinas Hospital System in 2010 as COO include helping streamline and modernize the facility, adding new equipment, and recruiting new physicians. Additionally, Craven implemented a new electrophysiology lab this past May.

Prior to joining Carolinas Hospital System, Craven held leadership roles at two of its affiliated hospitals in Alabama. He served as interim CEO of Cherokee Medical Center in Centre, Ala. and assistant CEO of DeKalb Regional Medical Center in Fort Payne, Ala.

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