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Celebrating Alumni – Health Care Administrator Brian Gwyn

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2003 Alumnus Named President of Mercy Health-Cincinnati

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Students are the focus of Gardner-Webb University’s mission. Faculty members seek to engage students with unique, experiential learning opportunities to prepare them for their next steps. Whether they choose to begin a career or accept the academic challenges of graduate school, students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to lead and serve. Additionally, through GWU’s supportive and diverse Christian community, students are inspired to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others.



Brian Gwyn, an alumnus of Gardner-Webb University, was recently named president of Mercy Health – Cincinnati (<https://www.mercy.com/news-events/news/cincinnati/2023/january/mercy-health-cincinnati-names-brian-gwyn-new-market-president-ken-james-chief-operating-officer>). He brings over 20 years of experience to further the health care provider’s mission to “extend the compassionate

ministry of Jesus.” Gwyn joined the administration on Feb. 6 and will lead the organization as it strives to “improve the health and well-being of its communities and bring help to those in need.”

In his new role, Gwyn is responsible for all Mercy Health operations in the Cincinnati market, including oversight of Mercy Health – Cincinnati’s leadership team.

Previously, Gwyn worked for Atrium Health, where he served for nearly 15 years in a variety of leadership roles. Most recently, he was senior vice president and market president for Atrium’s west market with oversight of six facilities that provided care across seven counties, serving more than half a million residents. Before that Gwyn was president of Atrium Health Cleveland and Atrium Health Kings Mountain facilities.

Gwyn earned his bachelor’s degree, as well as a master’s degree in family and consumer services, from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He earned his master’s degree in business administration in health care in 2003 from Gardner Webb University.

“Brian is a proven servant leader with a track record of driving operational growth and establishing strong work cultures and community partnerships,” said Don Kline, Mercy Health chief operating officer. “I am pleased Brian has chosen to join Mercy Health and the Cincinnati community. We will benefit greatly from his knowledge, passion for health care and the energy he will bring to advancing our Mission as well as our strategic and operational goals.”

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