



DATE: September 18, 2026
TO: Horry-Georgetown Technical College
FROM: Mr. Robert P. Hucks, II, Chair, HGTC Area Commission
RE: Announcing HGTC's Next President

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) Area Commission is pleased to announce that Lori A. Heafner, Ph.D., has been selected as the next president of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

The Area Commission made its selection today following a comprehensive national search that included finalist visits and public forums held this week on the Conway Campus. Dr. Heafner is expected to begin her new role January 4, 2027.

As many of you know, Dr. Heafner currently serves as vice president for academic affairs and has dedicated 20 years of service to HGTC. During her time at the College, she has served in leadership roles spanning academic affairs, institutional effectiveness, strategic planning, accreditation, grants and assessment. Her career has been distinguished by a strong commitment to student success, collaboration and partnerships that support the educational and workforce needs of our region.

The Area Commission entered this national search determined to identify the leader best prepared to build upon HGTC's strong foundation and guide the College confidently into the future. Dr. Heafner distinguished herself through her depth of experience, knowledge of higher education, commitment to students and understanding of the communities we serve.

On behalf of the Area Commission, I want to thank the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their time, thoughtful consideration and dedication throughout this process. I also want to thank our faculty, staff, students and community members who attended the public forums and provided feedback. Your participation was an important part of this process, and we greatly appreciate your engagement.

Please join the Area Commission in congratulating Dr. Heafner on her selection as HGTC's next president. Additional information regarding the leadership transition will be shared as plans are finalized.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HGTC and the students and communities we serve.