

## NEWS RELEASE

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### ***New Member Appointed to DEAC Board of Directors***

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Curd, Vice-President, Harrison Middleton University, has been appointed to the DEAC Board of Directors. The Commission elected to use its authority under Article IV, Section 8 of the *Bylaws* to appoint Mr. Curd to a partial term that commences February 1, 2019 and continues through March 31, 2021.

“We welcome Michael to a dedicated and talented board,” said Leah Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of DEAC. “His strong experience, especially in accreditation and assessment, will be extremely valuable as DEAC continues to strengthen the board’s breadth of talent and background in higher education and distance learning.”

Mr. Curd has served as the Vice President at Harrison Middleton University since 2013. He possesses more than fifteen years of experience across a broad spectrum of institutional mission in both distance education and residential classroom settings.

“It is an honor to be appointed, and I look forward to working hard to help accomplish the mission of the Distance Education Accrediting Commission,” Mr. Curd said.

Mr. Curd earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona, and his Master of Education degree in higher and adult education from Arizona State University. He also holds an Executive Juris Doctor from the Concord Law School of Kaplan University and completed the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education program from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

#### **ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC’s goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the students who study at its accredited institutions.

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