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**Two Members Elected to DEAC Board of Directors**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the election of two institution members to the DEAC Board of Directors.

During the election, held in conjunction with DEAC's 97th Annual Business Meeting, DEAC member institutions elected Robert Frankel, Chief Academic Officer, Genesis University & National Tax Training School, and Amanda Harrison, Chief Operating Officer, Cummings Graduate Institute for Behavioral Health Studies, to serve a three-year term through March 31, 2026.

The DEAC Board of Directors is a collaborative and hardworking team of volunteers who help to guide and develop the DEAC in countless ways and do the hands-on work that is essential to reliable decisions on accreditation.

Dr. Leah Matthews, Executive Director of the DEAC, expressed her gratitude to Mr. Frankel, Ms. Harrison, and to all members of the board. “Robert and Amanda will be excellent additions,” Matthews said. “Their considerable skills will help the DEAC continue to grow and thrive as an exemplar of distance education quality assurance well into the future.”

**ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as an 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 annually study at its accredited institutions.

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