

NEWS RELEASE

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DEAC Board of Directors Election Results

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the election of Dr. Susanne Thompson, President of Moreland University, to the DEAC Board of Directors.

During the election, held in conjunction with DEAC's 99th Annual Business Meeting, DEAC member institutions elected Dr. Thompson to serve a three-year term, through March 31, 2028.



Dr. Susanne H. Thompson is the President of Moreland University located in Washington, DC. Susanne leads a mission-driven team to provide unmatched education options for a teacher's entire career life cycle, from licensure to continuing education to master's degree-level programs. Through diligence, innovation, and expertise, Moreland University supports K-12 teachers on their career journey — something Susanne considers a profound honor.

As a career educator, Susanne served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Northwestern Lehigh School District in Pennsylvania. Susanne began her career as an elementary teacher and then worked as an Educational Consultant and Coordinator for Professional Development with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit in Pennsylvania, then served as a Middle School Assistant Principal, Director for Curriculum & Instruction as well as Assistant Superintendent.

After 20 years in public education, Susanne made the shift to the ed tech industry with Discovery Education. At Discovery Education for nearly 12 years, Susanne led all aspects of Discovery Education's Higher Education Network and business development. Prior, Susanne served as Chief Operations Officer for the Corporate Partnership Team overseeing product development, partner implementation, and account management for Discovery's Fortune 500 partners fulfilling corporate social responsibility missions to deliver relevant and engaging digital content resources to school systems and educators globally. For many years, Susanne led the Professional Development business at Discovery's Educational training tens of thousands of teachers and leaders globally.

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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