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TOM CONNELLY RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Concord, NC, February 21, 2008- Tom Connelly, Dean of Academic and Student Services and Professor of Allied Health at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences has announced his retirement effective May 31, 2008.

Dr. Connelly has spent 38 years working in higher education. He has served as dean of academic and student services since 2002. Prior to Cabarrus College, he worked at Western Carolina University for 23 years where he was a faculty member, University Advancement officer, and Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

During his tenure at Cabarrus College, Connelly has been instrumental in the development of two new degree programs: the associate in science, and the bachelors of science in medical imaging. The College also was approved to offer advance degrees in 2006. Expanding the degree programs and offering a broader selection of courses has helped the college double in size since 2000.

Dr. Connelly earned his doctorate in education from the University of Kentucky, a masters degree from Duke University, and a bachelors degree from Hamden-Sydney College.

His recent community involvements include the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Williamson Chapel United Methodist Church (Mooresville).

During his career he has served as an officer, board member, and volunteer in a number of organizations including the National League for Nursing, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, Western North Carolina chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and a variety of other community non profits.



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