

THE INAUGURATION OF

*William C.
Siege*

Friday, the eighteenth of October
Two thousand and twenty-four
Half past ten o'clock in the morning
Brightpoint Community College



Dr. William C. Fiege

A longtime educator committed to student success, Dr. William “Bill” Fiege became Brightpoint Community College’s eighth president in January 2024.

Before being named as Brightpoint’s leader, Dr. Fiege served for nearly 12 years as the college’s vice president of learning and student success, overseeing operations for academic and student affairs. Prior to coming to Brightpoint, he held a variety of positions at Germanna Community College and Longwood University, including division dean, speech communications faculty member, assistant director of alumni relations, and assistant director of athletics.

Dr. Fiege completed a bachelor’s degree in political science at Longwood University; master’s degree in speech communication from Bloomsburg University; and Ph.D. in community college leadership through Old Dominion University. He is currently a member of the ChamberRVA Board of Directors, Virginia’s Gateway Region Board of Directors, and the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation. He also coaches the Ironbridge National travel softball team.

He and his wife, Renee, have two teenage daughters, both of whom are taking classes at Brightpoint with the goal of completing the uniform certificate of general studies before graduating from high school.

About the College

Brightpoint Community College, one of the largest institutions in the Virginia Community College System, serves the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg and the counties of Amelia, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry and Sussex. Through its two campuses and online offerings, the college, established more than 57 years ago, opens doors to educational opportunities and provides pathways to jobs in high-demand fields, career advancement, and bachelor degree programs.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr. Thomas M. Hatfield

Dr. W. Marshall Denison

Dr. James R. Walpole

Dr. John W. Lavery

Dr. Freddie W. Nicholas, Sr.

Dr. Marshall W. Smith

Dr. Edward "Ted" Raspiller

THE MACE

The mace is a club-like staff traditionally used in academic ceremonies to symbolize the college president's leadership and authority. Two maces lead today's inauguration ceremony procession as symbols of the college's rich history and its bright future. The college's original mace is carried by Mr. Randy Dean, classified staff representative. Brightpoint's current mace is carried by Dr. Frank Klackle, president of the Faculty Association.

Dr. David Doré



As chancellor of Virginia's Community College System, Dr. David Doré provides day-to-day leadership for a system comprised of twenty-three colleges that serves more than 200,000 degree-seeking and workforce-career training students annually.

Like so many community college students, Dr. Doré is a first-generation college student. His decades-long career has been guided by a fundamental belief that every learner can be successful. His commitment to serving diverse and underrepresented populations to foster inclusive learning communities, supporting open access, student success, and economic mobility is both palpable and unwavering.

A self-described student advocate, Dr. Doré is laser-focused on recruiting the “New Majority of learners” – those twenty-five and older who face limited job prospects because they lack post-high school credentials.

Before taking the reins at the Virginia Community College System, Dr. Doré served as President of Campuses and Executive Vice Chancellor at Pima Community College. There, he led the college's five campuses and workforce development initiatives.

Dr. Doré has also served in higher education leadership positions in Tempe, Arizona and San Francisco, California.

Doré earned his Doctor of Education degree at Pepperdine University; master's degrees at Georgetown University, Boston College, and Santa Clara University; an advanced degree in Philosophy from Gonzaga University; and his bachelor's degree from Gannon University.

Named a Presidential Fellow of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program in 2017, Dr. Doré is active in community leadership and is a staunch proponent of community college education at the state and national levels.

Dr. David Doré is the tenth chancellor to lead the Virginia Community College System, which was founded in 1966.

Dr. Edward “Ted” Raspiller



Dr. Edward “Ted” Raspiller joined Commonwealth Savers in February, 2023. Prior to joining Commonwealth Savers he served as the president of Brightpoint Community College from 2013-2023. He has over three decades of experience in higher education access and affordability that includes roles in college leadership and administration; teaching; workforce development; fundraising; and counseling. Prior to Brightpoint, he served as president of Blinn College’s Brazos County Campuses in Texas. Prior to that, Dr. Raspiller served as the graduate program director of Old Dominion University’s (ODU) Community College Leadership Program; as chair of ODU’s Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership; and as a member of ODU’s faculty.

Dr. Van C. Wilson



Dr. Wilson has four decades of post-secondary educational experience. During his career, he served as the interim senior vice chancellor for academic and workforce programs at Virginia’s Community Colleges (VCC). He provided support for the 23 community colleges across the Commonwealth during his tenure while serving as the chief academic and workforce development administrator. Prior to assuming that role, Dr. Wilson served as the associate vice chancellor for student experience and strategic initiatives. Dr. Wilson also held the position of associate vice president for student learning and success for the 58 colleges that form the North Carolina Community College System.

Prior to that, he served as the vice president for student services at Forsyth Technical Community College. In addition to his roles in community college education, he has held several leadership positions at four-year institutions including Winston-Salem State and Western Carolina Universities.

One of the highlights of Dr. Wilson’s career was the opportunity to serve as the interim president of Brightpoint Community College during the 2023 academic year. As a newly minted VCC retiree, Van enjoys traveling, reading, and spending lots of time on the James River. Dr. Wilson is married to Anne N. Wilson, a marketing executive. They have two adult daughters, Christin and Haleigh.

Program

PROCESSIONAL*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS*

James River High School
Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

*THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Erika Fiege
Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Student

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

Mr. Donovan Henderson
Student, Music Associate Degree of Fine Arts Program

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Tara Atkins-Brady
Vice President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Case Willoughby
Vice President, Student Affairs

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Ms. Christine Wilson
Chair, Brightpoint Community College Board

ALUMNI, EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Mr. Kenneth Pritchett
Class of 2015, Human Services

Ms. Kenyada McLeod
Associate Professor, Web Design

Ms. Alexandria Davis
Class of 2025, Business Administration

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Mikell Brown
Vice President, Learning and Student Success

Dr. Jean Hale
Executive Director, Brightpoint Community College Foundation

A READING: *BEING A BRIGHTPOINT*

Mr. Eddie Webster
Scholarship and Program Administrator

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKERS

Ms. Susan Grinnan
Vice President, Operations

Ms. Natolyn Quash
Vice President, Finance and Administration

REMARKS ON THE OCCASION

Dr. Edward "Ted" Raspiller
Seventh President, Brightpoint Community College

Dr. Van C. Wilson
Former Interim President, Brightpoint Community College

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHANCELLOR

Ms. Elizabeth Creamer
Vice President, Community College Workforce Alliance

INSTALLATION OF THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT
OF BRIGHTPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. David Doré
Chancellor, Virginia Community College System

A SONG OF LIFE **

Brightpoint Chorus
Dr. David Guthrie, Director
Mr. Justin Lee, Accompanist

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Ms. Erin Fiege
Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Student

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. William C. Fiege
President, Brightpoint Community College

RECESSIONAL*

*Thank you for attending today's event.
Please join us for a reception immediately following the ceremony.*

*All those who are able, please stand.

**Premiere performance of *A Song of Life*.

Text by Lizette Woodworth Reese (1856-1935). Music by Dr. David C. Guthrie.

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Delegates of Colleges and Universities

1693

College of William & Mary

Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders
Member, Board of Visitors

1819

University of Virginia

Dr. Melissa Lubin
Dean, School of Continuing and
Professional Studies

1838

Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Hernan Bucheli
Vice President, Strategic
Enrollment Management and
Student Success

1839

Longwood University

Dr. W. Taylor Reveley IV
President

1854

Bryant & Stratton College

Ms. Beth Murphy
Market Director

1872

Virginia Tech

Mr. Rohsaan Settle
Director of Student Conduct

1882

Virginia State University

Dr. Tia Minnis
Provost and Vice President
of Academic Affairs

1908

James Madison University

Mrs. Julia Gilliam Sterling
Board of Directors, Virginia
Foundation for Community
College Education
Director of Grantmaking, The Richard
and Leslie Gilliam Foundation

1910

Radford University

Dr. Jessica Stowell
Assistant Provost for Faculty
and Curriculum

1962

**Mountain Gateway
Community College**

Dr. John Rainone
President

1962

**Patrick & Henry
Community College**

Dr. Greg Hodges
President

1963

Wytheville Community College

Dr. Dean Sprinkle
President

1966

Central Virginia Community College

Dr. John Capps
President

1966

**Virginia Western
Community College**

Mrs. Bernadette Battle
Vice President of Student Affairs

1967

Blue Ridge Community College

Dr. John Downey
President

1967

Danville Community College

Dr. Jerry Wallace
President

1967

**Southwest Virginia
Community College**

Dr. Thomas Wright
President

1967

**Virginia Highlands
Community College**

Dr. Adam Hutchison
President

1967

**Virginia Peninsula
Community College**

Dr. Porter Brannon
President

1969

New River Community College

Dr. Pat Huber
President

1969

**Southside Virginia
Community College**

Mrs. Krystal Patton
Director of Communications
& Assistant Advancement Officer

1970

Germanna Community College

John Davis
Vice President of
Administrative Services

1970

Laurel Ridge Community College

Dr. Kim Blosser
President

1970

Paul D. Camp Community College

Dr. Corey McCray
President

1970

**Rappahannock
Community College**

Dr. Marty Brooks
Dean, Arts and Sciences

1971

**Eastern Shore
Community College**

Dr. James Shaeffer
President

1972

**Piedmont Virginia
Community College**

Dr. Jean Runyon
President

1972

Reynolds Community College

Dr. Paula Pando
President

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organizing and supporting today's event.*



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