

## NEWS RELEASE

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

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the results of its election of a new member to the DEAC Board of Directors.

During the election, held in conjunction with DEAC's 90th Annual Conference April 11-12, DEAC member institutions elected Stella Garlick, Vice-President, Administration & Compliance, Martinsburg College to the DEAC Board of Directors. Ms. Garlick will serve a three-year term from 2016-2019. The election was held to fill a position held by Mary Adams, President, American Sentinel University, whose term expired March 31, 2016.

“These are times of incredible challenges for accreditation. We are grateful for the commitment Stella is willing to make to support the mission and vision of DEAC and the integrity of its process,” said Dr. Leah Matthews, DEAC Executive Director. “She is joining a distinguished roster of individuals who work tirelessly on behalf of DEAC and institutions that participate in accreditation. We are most appreciative of their efforts.”

#### **ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit 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 more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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