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'What better job could there be?' Corcoran says

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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - Northern Kentucky University has named Kevin Corcoran dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Corcoran is former head of the University of Cincinnati psychology department and serves at NKU as a fellow with the American Council on Education.

Corcoran earned his undergraduate degree at LaSalle College in Philadelphia, then went on to earn his master's and doctorate from the University of Connecticut. He had been a faculty member at the University of Idaho and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale before joining UC in 1999.

ADVFRTDRFMFAT "I have said that the college is like a big family - diverse, sometimes loud, but always interesting," Corcoran said. "What better job could there be than to connect with all those constituents and help them achieve their goals? The first thing I think a dean needs to realize is that the faculty, staff and students do the important work of the university."

"One of the things that involves is careful listening to faculty, staff and student hopes and dreams for their - and the college's - growth. A dean is in the position to help people achieve those dreams, or help recraft those dreams so that they are achievable."

Corcoran plans on using his former president's words to guide him in his new position. UConn President John DiBiaggio said: "We want to prepare students for their last job, not just their first."

Corcoran's new assignment will place him at the head of 12 departments in the College of Arts and Sciences - ranging from art to criminal justice, and from chemistry to dance.

Corcoran has written more than 40 articles and presented more than 100 papers at national conferences. Most deal with the psychological aspects of addictive behaviors.

"I am confident that Dr. Corcoran will bring extraordinary leadership to the college and the broader university community," said Gail Wells, vice president for academic affairs.



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