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## Gateway appoints provost

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Gateway Community and Technical College has appointed Kandi Deitemeyer as its provost. Deitemeyer most recently served as the vice president of student affairs at Sandhurst Community College in North Carolina.

"It is going to be my responsibility that academic programs carry out the mission of the college. We are in a growing phase, so we want to make sure students continue to be served," said Deitemeyer.

She said that being new to the college, she will initially focus on listening and learning.

"My goal is to find out what the needs of the institution are and how can my experiences fit into that," she said.

Deitemeyer has spent much of her career in community colleges.

"Dr. Deitemeyer comes to Gateway with strong experience, exceptional talent, high energy and very strong endorsements from those who have worked with her," said Gateway's President Dr. G. Edward Hughes.

Prior to her position with Sandhurst, she served as the director of education programs and director of academic programs for the University of South Florida at Lakeland. During most of the 1990s she was at Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Fla., and Tampa College in Lakeland, Fla.

"One of the things that I have done at a number of institutions is work with enrollment management - how students gain access, how we advertise, how we market, and recruitment plans," said Deitemeyer. "I have served at three institutions where we have always gained enrollment during my tenure."

However, she cautions that community colleges must remember their primary purpose.

"Open doors and access. That's our mission and that's what we're committed to," she said. "If you want a more technical education, then this is the place. If you want a four-year degree, then this is a good place to get started."

Deitemeyer is succeeding Dale Myers, who retired June 30.

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