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Barber-Scotia College Ends Its Search for President



The Barber Scotia College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Melvin Isadore Douglass as the next President of the College. Dr. Douglass brings to the College more than 25 years of combined senior level administrative experience in academia, research, policy, advocacy, government service, and nonprofit sector. Dr. Douglass' talents and experiences have allowed him to become adept at overseeing operational and fiscal responsibilities that speak to ensuring optimal organizational performance and actualizing revenue enhancements.

A native of Harlem, New York, he has earned his degrees from Vincennes University, Tuskegee University, Morgan State University, New York University, Columbia University and Harvard University. Dr. Douglass did post-doctoral studies at Clare College, Cambridge University, England, and the Goethe-Institut, Germany. He was also selected as a Japan Fulbright Memorial Scholar.

While attending Columbia University on a full academic scholarship, he was elected to the prestigious Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. In 2018, he was elected to the Royal Historical Society of the United Kingdom (RHistS). The aforementioned is one of the oldest and most prestigious learned historical societies in the world.

Dr. Douglass is an ordained Baptist minister, who strongly embraces the Black Churches' long tradition of liberation theology and racial reconciliation that was notably embodied in the movement led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Douglass is frequently called upon to address civic, ecumenical, educational, fraternal and professional organizations. His appointment becomes effective immediately.

The College will host a "meet and greet" reception for Dr. Douglass in the near future so the community, alumni, and friends of the College can join us as we welcome Dr. Douglass to Barber-Scotia College.

For more information, you may email the BSC Board of Trustees Chairwoman, Ms. Karen Soares at ksoares@b-sc.edu.