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MIKE VLACICH TO SUCCEED TOM HORGAN AS PRESIDENT & CEO OF NH COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

NH's Public and Private Colleges and Universities Working Together

CONCORD – After a wide-reaching national search among an array of candidates, Mike Vlacich has been selected to replace retiring New Hampshire College & University Council President & CEO Tom Horgan. Mr. Vlacich will begin on June 1st of this year, where he will put his extensive relationships, record of managing successful organizations, and experience in public service to use in the field of higher education.

“The NHCUC provides an impressive and unique platform for collaboration between public and private colleges along with business and political leadership that I believe creates opportunity for students, communities and businesses and to protect the well-being of our state’s future,” says Vlacich. “I am honored and excited to get started.”

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Vlacich served on the University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees. Vlacich has also worked as the director of the New Hampshire Division of Economic Development. A familiar face on the political landscape and respected by leaders of both parties, Vlacich has 15 years of experience in federal and state government public service, working for New Hampshire Governors and US Senators.

“Mike is a product of New Hampshire education and is clearly passionate about the important role both our private and public institutions play in supporting a vibrant economy,” said University System of New Hampshire Chancellor and Chair of the NHCUC Todd Leach. “Mike has exemplary experience and a strong history of success working in complex environments that rely on relationships and collaboration, a hallmark of our state's higher education system and the NHCUC. We are very fortunate to have Mike leading this organization forward.”

The New Hampshire College & University Council is a non-profit consortium of 21 public and private institutions of higher education in the state of New Hampshire dedicated to improving quality and affordability through collaboration. NHCUC's main goals are:

- Coordinating initiatives among admission, library, career, and academic offices.
- Professional development.
- Promote greater awareness of higher education in NH.
- Provide a forum for discussion of vital issues in higher education.

“What impressed us the most was that Mike offered a vision for the future to the search committee that really matched the goals we have set for ourselves,” says Lucille Jordan, President of Nashua Community College. “Mike talked about doing more to highlight the uniqueness of each individual campus, all while working collaboratively to better connect our schools with business and political leaders to maximize resources to benefit our students.”

“Mike has won the respect of his peers through hard work and the ability to listen and learn, he is someone who is driven to reach goals, while balancing different perspectives and points of view,” explains Sister Paula Marie Buley, President of Rivier University. “He has a successful record navigating the challenges of business, politics and education and he will be a tremendous asset to the Council.”

NHCUC, founded in 1966, is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has recently completed a three year Operational Strategic Plan, which will offer a guide for the organization. Goals include improving collaboration with the business community, improving recruitment of students to New Hampshire colleges and universities, becoming a high profile expert and champion of higher education in the state. “NHCUC is in capable hands,” says Tom Horgan, President and CEO of the NHCUC. “I have high hopes for the continued growth and success of this organization, and I know Mike will be successful.”

More information on the NHCUC can be found at its website at www.nhcuc.org

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