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McMurry University Announces New Dean of School of Business

ABILENE, Texas – Dr. Paul M. Mason has been named the Dean of the McMurry University School of Business beginning July 11, 2016. Dr. Mason currently is the Richard de Raismes Kip Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics and Geography at the University of North Florida. He also served as Acting Dean of the Coggin College of Business at North Florida from December 2014 until June 2015.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the faculty of the McMurry University School of Business. I believe that the School is poised to leap forward in the provision of innovative and involved business education for Abilene and surrounding areas,” said Dr. Mason. “We will focus on quality instruction and service to the region so that our students become productive employees, creative entrepreneurs, and excellent citizens as they continue as active learners throughout their lives.”

“We are delighted that Dr. Paul Mason will be joining McMurry as Dean of the School of Business. He brings a wealth of experience and a level of intellectual acumen that we believe will be critical as we revitalize and re-envision our business school,” said Dr. James W. Hunt, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. “Dr. Mason rose to the top of a very strong pool of candidates for this position and we look forward to his presence on our campus and in the Abilene community.”

Dr. Mason completed his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Texas in 1984 while teaching economics at Southwest Texas State University; and he taught finance at Clemson University for one year before he began his employment at the University of North Florida in 1985. Dr. Mason progressed through the academic ranks and became a full professor

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in 1994 and an endowed professor in 2009. Dr. Mason became chairman of the Department of Economics and Geography in May 2002 and continued in that capacity until June 2011.

Dr. Mason is a coauthor of the book *The Economic Consequences of State Lotteries*, and over 40 articles regarding numerous topics in economics including lotteries, casino gaming, banking structure, economics education, the economics profession, gasoline pricing, and publication delays. Dr. Mason is the faculty director of the LEIP (Local Economic Indicator Project) program that provides a local CPI, index of leading indicators, stock price index, and seasonality adjustments to local unemployment rates. Dr. Mason is also very active in the community in consulting involving statistics, economics, and as an expert witness in litigation involving economic damages.

Dr. Mason's wife Julie is an upper school math teacher at Bolles, and he has three children, a daughter who is a May 2002 graduate of the University of North Florida with a master's degree in Athletic Administration from Northcentral University, a son who is a 2004 graduate of the University of North Florida and a 2009 Ph.D. recipient in computer science from Johns Hopkins University, and another son who is a 2010 graduate of the University of Richmond and who completed a master's degree in Commercialization, Technology, and Entrepreneurship at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2014.

Dr. Mason's civic activities have included memberships on local boards including the DuPont YMCA, the North Corridor Citizen's Task Force on Public Transportation, the Convention Center Task Force, the JCCI Study on Recession, Recovery, and Beyond and the River City Softball Association.

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