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## **SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT NAMES NEW ACADEMIC DEAN AND FACULTY**

Terrell, Texas—Dr. E. D. Seamster, Jr., President and CEO of Southwestern Christian College, has named a new academic dean who will help continue his “on the move” vision for the school, which includes a return to academic excellence, stronger community and corporate partnerships, and renovations across the campus.

Dr. Deborah Hodridge is an award-winning education consultant with more than three decades experience. She has served as an adjunct professor at Texas Woman’s University and worked, in several capacities, and on several campuses, for the Dallas Independent School District.

“My goal is to provide leadership, continue to improve and expand academic excellence to motivate our scholars to commit themselves holistically, in achieving their ultimate goal to graduate from Southwestern

Christian College and further their education to the next level,” Dr. Hodridge recently stated.

Dr. Hodridge is joining the College just as several PhD’s and PhD candidates have become new faculty members. President Seamster said the goal to attract more serious scholars has taken off because Southwestern is dedicated to maintaining the finest teachers to instruct them.

“We have Dr. Lisa Jackson in Computer Science, Dr. Denise Olivier, our new Reading and English professor, Dean Kecia Baker-Morris, our Dean of Women and SACS liaison,” Dr. Seamster listed some of his new hires. Several longtime faculty and staffers retired last semester, he explained, at a very transformative time in the school’s history.

Southwestern has also hired Dr. Kenneth Gilmore for its bible department, and a doctor of medicine to teach biology. “Dr. Gilmore is very talented and Dr. Finney is a world traveler who hails from Kenya,” Dr. Seamster said, “and they are very excited to be here at Southwestern. In fact, *all* of our PhDs and PhD candidates bring a wealth of diverse experiences to share with our students.”

Dr. Seamster confirmed the buzz over the upcoming online platform being created and developed for Southwestern Christian College.

“This has been something that the school has talked about doing for years,” Dr. Seamster began, “and now, it is coming to fruition, and required a top-notch educator to run it.” Dr. Seamster says an early fall has certainly arrived this new semester at Southwestern Christian College because of the

superb faculty members and leaders who have hit the ground running in their new positions.

“I couldn’t be more pleased that we have secured Dr. Femi Adeyemi to head our new SwCC Online Platform, and that our executive team includes a strong, dynamic woman like Dr. Hodridge as our new Academic Dean,” Dr. Seamster said.

Southwestern Christian College plans to stay *on the move* with some upcoming surprises and planned events for the city of Terrell.

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For an interview with Dr. Seamster, please contact his office.

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Front Row, left to right: Dr. Hodridge, Dean Baker-Morris, Dr. Olivier, Dr. Jackson.

Back Row: Dr. Gilmore, President Seamster, CFO Carl Lavallais, and, Dr. Finney. Not pictured: Dr. Adeyemi