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PRESS RELEASE:

Veteran University Administrator Set to Retire

Dr. Gaddis Faulcon, Saint Augustine's University's Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, will retire from the university, effective January 31, 2018.

"Dr. Faulcon's commitment to the university, and particularly to the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, will be missed," said university President, Dr. Everett B. Ward. "Under his leadership, the division has instituted a number of initiatives that have, and will continue, to benefit our students and the university for years to come. Not only has Dr. Faulcon been an important part of the University's executive leadership team, he's been a dedicated colleague and friend. I wish him the best as he prepares to begin the next phase of his life."

The Saint Augustine's College alumnus (B.S., 1974) returned to his alma mater in 2016 following a distinguished career at Shaw University in Raleigh, where he served as interim President. Prior to that appointment, Dr. Faulcon served as dean of the school's graduate studies program, and chair of Shaw's Department of Allied Health.

Under his leadership at Saint Augustine's, student enrollment increased from 210 new students in 2015, to 435 new students in 2017. In an effort to improve the management of the University's residential halls, Faulcon implemented a number of initiatives aimed at improving the students' residential hall experience. Faulcon was also instrumental in adding staff in the Division of Student Affairs, which significantly improved student morale and campus life.

"It has truly been an honor and blessing to culminate my career in higher education leadership at my alma mater," said Faulcon. "It was on this campus 44 years ago where I cultivated a desire to help students reach their highest potential. For 150 years, Saint Augustine's University's mission has been to prepare young people to become leaders, globally. I'm blessed to have been a part of that mission."



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Dr. Ward has announced that Dr. Faulcon will continue to work with the University periodically, through his consulting firm which focuses on studying the issues of retention and recruitment of minority students and faculty.

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