

RU alum officially to head JCHS

Staff report

ROANOKE - Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop has been appointed President of Jefferson College of Health Science, after serving as interim president since April.

Bishop took on the role after the retirement of JCHS President Dr. Carol Seavor.

"Over the past several months, NL has confirmed the board's confidence in his leadership," said Steve Musselwhite, JCHS Board Chairman. "We are very pleased to formalize his position as President, and are looking forward to our future endeavors together." According to a statement released by JCHS, Bishop, a Carilion Clinic Vice President and JCHS board member, "has served in a variety of leadership roles during his long

tenure with the organization—experience which proved valuable during his interim appointment at JCHS."

"The knowledge, experience and connections I've developed over the years working on the hospital side of Carilion have been very helpful as we look for new ways to integrate our educational and clinical



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services," Bishop said. "Our goal is to significantly increase the value the college brings to our hospitals and our community."

In addition to his roles with JCHS and Carilion Clinic, Bishop is an Assistant Professor with the Virginia Tech Carilion

School of Medicine and Research Institute, opening in the fall of 2010. He holds an undergraduate degree from Radford University, a master's degree in education from Virginia Tech and a doctor of ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. In addition to his position on the JCHS Board of Directors, he serves on the Board of Trustees of Ferrum College and is a member Emeritus of the Board of Visitors of the Divinity School of Duke University.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Taubman Museum of Western Virginia and in See Bishop, page 2

2008 was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to the SW Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission. Bishop is a past president and current treasurer of the Montgomery County - Radford City - Floyd County Branch NAACP. He and his wife, Sylvia, reside in Christiansburg where they are members of Asbury United Methodist Church. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

