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Carilion Clinic's next CEO Nancy Agee was the commencement speaker at Radford University Saturday, and will give the commencement address Monday for the Jefferson College of Health Sciences graduating class.

Agee has ties to both schools. She has been a member of the [board of visitors at Radford](#) since 2003. [Jefferson College](#) is owned by Carilion, where she is currently the chief operating officer.

She takes over as Carilion's CEO July 1. [The leadership change](#) was announced in March when Dr. Ed Murphy said he was leaving for a position with a private equity firm.

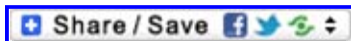
Agee told Radford's graduates to change the world.

“You’ll make a difference for all of us,” she said, according to a [university news release](#). “You will make a difference because you can, because you want to, because you must. You will forge your own path. You will find your own answers. You will heal others. You will bring light, joy and happiness to those around you and yourself. Don’t blow it—we’re counting on you.”

On Monday she will speak to the 163 graduates of Jefferson College who are planning to enter the growing and changing health care industry.

The college has been growing recently, adding new programs and trying to attract more students. The inaugural graduating classes in two of the newly added programs will be among the graduates she speaks to. Those new baccalaureate level programs are Health & Exercise Science and Health Psychology.

Bonus: Agee hasn’t just been busy speaking to new graduates. She also recently wrote an [op-ed](#) for The Roanoke Times urging people to plan and discuss their health care wishes for injury or end-of-life decisions.



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