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**MATTHEW C. BARR SWORN IN AS TRUSTEE ON ROWAN-CABARRUS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

Longtime business leader brings wealth of experience to Rowan-Cabarrus Board of Trustees

SALISBURY, N.C. — The Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Board of Trustees proudly welcomes Matt Barr, chairman and CEO of Carolina Color, to the College's board. Barr will serve on the board through 2018.

"I am so pleased to get to work more closely with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. I believe in the good work that they're doing," said Matt Barr, who was recently appointed to this role by North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory. "I'm looking forward to developing a stronger relationship with the College and its mission in the community through this appointment."

Barr has worked for Salisbury-based Carolina Color for over fifteen years, the last four in his current role as chairman and CEO. Carolina Color produces and sells colorant to the plastic processing industry.

"I feel that Rowan-Cabarrus is vital to Rowan and Cabarrus counties in the advancement of our workforce and the enrichment of our communities," said Barr. "I hope my long career in business will offer the College a unique perspective."

Barr's previous experience included sales and management for *Sports Illustrated* and *TIME Magazine*.

Barr graduated from the Columbia University with a B.A. in History in 1987. He also studied publishing and accounting in executive education programs at Stanford University and Northwestern University.

Rowan-Cabarrus Board of Trustees' members are responsible for attending all board meetings and key Rowan-Cabarrus events. As a board, they are responsible for College policies.

“We are pleased to welcome Matt to the board. His business expertise, connections and insight are invaluable, and we know the College will benefit from his leadership and management experience,” said Carl M. Short, chair of the Rowan-Cabarrus Board of Trustees.

Appointments to the Board of Trustees are liaisons to the public of the entire service area and not to the appointing entity. Once appointed, trustees are to carry out their duties as established by the General Statutes of North Carolina and the Board’s Bylaws and Policies. They are to carry out those responsibilities independent of concern for any group, organization, appointing board, or political entity other than the students, citizens of the service area, and the College.

“Our trustees are accomplished and dedicated. They’ve been involved extensively in our service area, and work well together to help create the future of the College and our community,” said Dr. Carol Spalding, Rowan-Cabarrus president.

Barr and his wife, the former Gwin Dalton Carter, are members of Life Church. They have three children.

For more information about Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, please visit www.rccc.edu or call 704-216-RCCC (7222).

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Opening its doors in 1963, [Rowan-Cabarrus Community College](http://www.rccc.edu) is one of 58 colleges in the state-supported North Carolina Community College System. Rowan-Cabarrus is a comprehensive, community-focused institution of higher learning, serving the residents of Rowan and Cabarrus counties at multiple campus locations and through online programs. Rowan-Cabarrus offers fully-accredited associate degree programs in more than 55 areas of study, including arts and sciences, business, information technology, health and public services, engineering technologies, and biotechnology. Rowan-Cabarrus provides more than 2,000 course offerings, serving a yearly overall enrollment of more than 22,000 students. In addition, Rowan-Cabarrus provides the education and job-training programs needed to meet many of the workforce demands of the North Carolina Research Campus being developed in Kannapolis.