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## ISU Special Announcement

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### Dean selected to lead College of Graduate and Professional Studies



Indiana State University officials have hired a veteran university administrator to lead the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Denise Collins has been associate dean of Indiana State's Bayh College of Education since 2011. In that role, Collins provided oversight for areas including academic policies and curriculum, graduate programs, student appeals and grievances, program accreditation, faculty development and grants, contracts and cooperative agreements.

She served as interim dean for the college January-July 2017. Collins offered academic and administrative leadership to ensure the quality of the college's academic programs and nine centers, institutes and clinics.

"Denise's experience with graduate programs -- including assistantships and advising -- as well as inclusive excellence and student recruitment initiatives makes her a good fit for this position," said Mike Licari, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Indiana State. "I look forward to her collaboration with the other colleges, programs and faculty to further develop graduate curriculum and programs at State as we work to strategically

increase graduate enrollments."

Collins will assume her new role on July 1. The College of Graduate and Professional Studies has primary responsibility for all aspects of graduate study and research at Indiana State.

"I am grateful to have been selected, and I'm anxious to begin this new journey," said Collins. "My commitment to graduate education has been longstanding, both as a professor and associate dean. The College of Graduate and Professional Studies serves an essential role in supporting graduate students, promoting growth and innovation of graduate programs and advancing inclusive excellence. I'm looking forward to collaborating with the academic colleges and working with the CGPS staff to advance graduate education at Indiana State."

Collins came to Indiana State in 2003 as an assistant professor in the department of counseling for the student affairs and higher education program. In addition to being promoted to full professor, Collins has taken on other roles and responsibilities during her tenure, including graduate program coordinator for the student affairs and higher education program (2004-2011) and administrative fellow in the College of Education Dean's Office (2008-2010).

"The search committee worked hard to carefully review our candidates for this position. We are pleased with the decision to select Dr. Collins and are excited about what she will bring to this position," said Susan Powers, chair of the search committee.

Collins earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy studies from Virginia Tech (2001) and master's (1984) and bachelor's (1981) degrees from University of Maryland, College Park.

Other institutions where Collins has worked include Virginia Tech, State University of New York College at Cortland, University of Iowa and Grinnell College in Iowa. Collins has presented at numerous conferences and published dozens of academic papers and contributed to books. She is an active dissertation/thesis chair and volunteers much time to national, regional and Indiana State professional service activities.