

Former President of the College of William and Mary Graduate Education Association Takes the Reigns as Mathematics Course Coordinator at the Fifth Largest HBCU in Nation

NORFOLK, VA – September 23 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Former President of the College of William and Mary graduate Education Association, Dr. Archie W. Earl, Sr., has been appointed to the position of Mathematics Course Coordinator in the Department of Mathematics, at Norfolk State University, in Norfolk, Virginia, USA. As a mathematics coordinator, Dr. Earl will be coordinating the activities of 5 full-time mathematics professor, 2 adjuncts professors, 2 Mathematics Testing Center technician, and over 280 students per semester. The course that Dr. Earl will be coordinating is called “Elementary Algebra.”



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Dr. Earl

said, “I am looking forward to a very exciting and rewarding semester. My main emphasis,” he said “shall be on providing Elementary Algebra professors with the support they need to go into the classroom, everyday, and do an excellent job. I shall also endeavor to work with professors, Mathematics Testing Center personnel, and students to improve the Elementary Algebra course at Norfolk State University. The successfully coordination this

course, I will need the whole-hearted participation of everyone associated with it.”

At the present time, the Elementary Algebra course is, for all intents and purposes, is a local area network-enhanced mathematics course (LANEMC), i.e., the students do some, but not all, of their course work over the university’s LAN. By the beginning of the spring semester, it will be a Web-Enhanced mathematics course (WEMC), i.e., one in which students do some of their course work on the World Wide Web. “In fact,” Dr. Earl said, “this semester, professors are encouraged to begin assigning some web-based activities.”

“For students that need extra help,” Dr. Earl went on to say, “the University has an assortment of FREE tutoring programs. Probably two of the most popular,” he said, “are the ACCESS tutoring program and the STARS tutoring program”. If a student fails a computerized test in the Mathematics Testing Center, he or she can get help at one of the tutoring centers and try the test again. In addition to computerized Mathematics Testing Center tests, students must periodically take in-class test.

One of the goals of the course that Dr. Earl coordinates is to help students reach their maximum potential, within the context of the course. Dr. Earl said that, “The goal of this Elementary Algebra course is not to aim students toward some low minimum standard, but to aim them at the highest standard that they are capable of achieving. By aiming students at the highest possible standards, the lowest or minimum standards (or competencies) will automatically be achieved.”

In the 1980s, Dr. Earl served as President of the College of William and Mary Graduate Education Association, in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA. As president, his duties included, among other things, representing the graduate students of the School of Education at official functions, administering the School of Education graduate student mini-grants program, and overseeing the preparation, submission, and management of the Association’s budget. Dr. Earl accomplished these tasks through a staff of about 4 Vice Presidents and a Special Projects Manager. When he was president of the Association, it consisted of about 400 members.

Dr. Earl holds a BS, from Norfolk State University, in mathematics; an MA, in mathematics, from Hampton University, in Hampton, Virginia, USA; and an EdD, from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA, in higher education, with an emphasis in business, finance, and budgeting. He is presently an Associate Professor, in the Department of Mathematics, of the School of Science and Technology, at NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY, in Norfolk, Virginia, USA. Norfolk State University is the fifth largest historically black college or university (HBCU) in the nation.

To find out more about Dr. Archie W. Earl, Sr., visit his official website at awearl@suedu.pageout.net/user/www/a/w/awearl@suedu/DrEarlWebpageSpecial2.htm

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