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Terry Lynch succeeds Barber as Vice Chancellor for Student Life

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Over the summer, Terry Lynch was selected as the new Vice Chancellor for Student Life at NCSSM. Lynch has replaced Joan Barber, who previously held the position 28 years before retiring after the 2013-2014 school year.

Lynch is originally from Hampton, Va. He grew up there and later attended the University of Virginia, where he got his undergraduate degree in Economics and his graduate degree in Educational Policy Studies. He is currently working on obtaining his doctorate degree in Education from the North Carolina State University.

After his studies at UVA, he went on to become a Residence Coordinator at Duke University, where he worked closely with students. He held this job for four years, and afterwards he held the title of Associate Dean of Housing, Dining, and Residential Life. He held this position for eight years before leaving in June 2014.

Lynch was not very familiar with NCSSM even though he has lived in the Durham area for years. However, once he saw the job opening online for Vice Chancellor for Student Life, he became immediately interested.

"Usually, when I saw job openings I would tell my colleagues about them in case they wanted to look into them too," said Lynch. "This one I kept to myself, because I was seriously interested in the position."

Although he did not have many connections with the school, he did know Lynch (left) discusses with an NCSSM student about his favorite color, navy blue.

While touring campus he was impressed with the achievements and ambitions of all the students and faculty he met.

For Lynch, the biggest adjustment he will have to face is working with high school students rather than college students. "Working

institution rather than a private one, but he is excited to be a part of a larger system.

As Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Lynch oversees many different aspects of the school including residential life, counseling, and athletics. He says no major changes regarding student life are expected to occur this year, but instead it will be a year of observation and learning for him and other new faculty members.

"I don't want to break down what has been built here in terms of student life, but I want to build on the great experience that is already here," Lynch explained. "The Science and Math train is already running, I'm just looking to jump on."

Lynch is most looking forward to interacting with students and learning more about them. He is especially

interested in what they enjoy most about the school, and what they want to change to make the school a better place.

Before he left Duke, an NCSSM alumnus who is a current student there told him that the best thing about NCSSM was the student life and the opportunities it provided. He wants to get to know each individual student and learn more about them.

Lynch is excited to get his family involved with the school as well. He is married and has two young children, a 3 year old son and a 1 year old daughter. He hopes to bring them to many school functions, including sports games and performances.

He is also anticipating many other events on campus including the musical, College Eve, and especially Airband. Lynch is enthusiastic about starting his new career at NCSSM, and he plans on being here awhile. He stated that he would be happy to stay here as long as he could and retire from here, just as Barber did.



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Rebecca Buckwalter-Poza, political strategist, to speak at 35th Convocation

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Rebecca Buckwalter-Poza will speak at the 35th NCSSM Convocation on Aug. 10. Buckwalter-Poza is a well-known author and legal consultant who offers political and legal insight on a variety of contemporary issues ranging from religion to healthcare.

Some of her more recent articles include "The Scariest Virus: Ebola Is Back, and It's Worse Than Ever," giving some context and background information about the recent ebola outbreak and "Double Jeopardy Isn't What You Think It Is--And It Won't Save Amanda Knox," an article explaining how the 5th amendment does not protect against the consequences of an appeal.

She has contributed to publications including The Nation, The Atlantic, The Paris Review, The Daily Beast, Pacific

Standard, The Huffington Post, and CNN; as well as coauthoring "40 More Years: How Democrats Will Rule the Next Generation" with James Carville, the acclaimed Democratic strategist President Clinton's campaign manager in 1992.

Along with her writing career, Buckwalter-Poza was also the Deputy National Press Secretary for the Democratic National Committee for the 2008 presidential campaign. She also was an intern in the White House Counsel's Office and led research for Paul Begala's "Third Term: Why George W. Bush Loves John McCain."

Buckwalter-Poza has also completed a civil rights fellowship at the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut and a progressive media fellowship at the Center for American Progress,

Buckwalter-Poza has worked on political policy on five continents, most recently working in Hong Kong at the

Asian Legal Resources Center.

She has also been named one of the Top Ten College Women by "Glamour



Photo courtesy of CNN

Buckwalter-Poza, an NCSSM alumna, has made a name for herself in law, journalism and politics. She now works for NPR as a legal clerk.

Magazine," a Harry S. Truman Scholar for Public Service, and a Henry Luce Scholar.

Buckwalter-Poza graduated from NCSSM in 2004, where she went on to continue her education at Harvard College. After obtaining her undergraduate degree from Harvard, she received her J.D. from Yale Law School. She received her first job at age 19, after writing a letter to James Carville. Since then, she has found success in all her endeavors.

Currently, Buckwalter-Poza serves as a law clerk for National Public Radio, where she has recently coauthored an article detailing the "qualified immunity" law officers receive when facing persecution and authored a piece about Alabama's odd tendency of judicial overrides in favor of the death sentence.

Buckwalter-Poza is a prime example of a non-scientific career for NCSSM alumni and a paragon of success young adults can achieve in hypercompetitive fields.

