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Lambeth

# Leadership team takes shape at Baptist Medical

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On Tuesday, Dr. William B. Applegate was named president of Wake Forest University Health Sciences, and Donny C. Lambeth was named president of North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Dr. John D. McConnell, chief executive officer of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, also announced that Douglas L. Edgeton has been named executive vice president for Medical Center administration. All the appointments were effective Dec. 1.

Both Applegate and Lambeth have served as interim presidents of their respective organizations since the retirement of Dr. Richard H. Dean, as president of Health Sciences and Len B. Preslar Jr. as president of Baptist Hospital in June of 2007.

In addition to serving as president of Health Sciences, Applegate will continue to serve as dean of Wake Forest University School of Medicine, a position he has held since 2002. His appointment was made jointly by McConnell and Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch, to whom Applegate will also report on

university-related issues.

For the time being, Lambeth, who is also chairman of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, will continue to serve as chief operating officer of Baptist Hospital, a position he has held since 1999. McConnell said the process has begun, which will include a national search, to name a successor to Lambeth as COO for the hospital.

Edgeton will continue to serve as executive vice president for administration of Health Sciences and as president of Piedmont Triad Research Park, but take on an expanded Medical-Center-wide role leading a number of administrative areas that will be consolidated between Health Sciences and Baptist Hospital.

"We are extremely fortunate here at Wake Forest Baptist to have the high caliber of leadership represented in Bill Applegate, Donny Lambeth and Doug Edgeton," McConnell said. "It is very reassuring for me to come into an institution that has been so well managed, with a new organizational structure that is already well underway."

# Wake offers virtual admissions interviews

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Using a webcam, a microphone and the Internet, some students applying to Wake Forest University can now sit in their living rooms at home and have a "face-to-face" conversation with an admissions counselor at the university.

Wake Forest began offering virtual interviews on a limited basis to early decision applicants in October and about 30 students have chosen the new option. In December, virtual interviews will be available to other applicants.

"While a personal visit is the first choice, the virtual interview is an innovative way to use technology to connect individually with those who, because of financial or other reasons, cannot come to campus," said Martha Allman, director of admissions at Wake Forest. "This combines Wake Forest's historic commitment to personal attention with our emphasis on technological innovation."

Wake Forest began strongly recommending personal interviews for all applicants in May after it became the first top 30 national university to drop the SAT/ACT requirement for undergradu-



Nelson Brunsting, an admissions counselor, demonstrates the new technique.

ate admissions. The Admissions Office has conducted nearly 3,000 interviews, in-person and via the Web, since last spring. Most of those interviews were conducted on campus or by admissions counselors traveling around the country. But, the virtual interview with two-way video and audio has become an attractive option

for some students.

Wake Forest's Information Systems Department worked with the Admissions Office on the technical aspects of the project and helped train admissions staff to use the technology.

Virtual interviews last 20 to 30 minutes, the same time allocated for in-person inter-

views. And, the interviews (real or virtual) are treated the same in the evaluative process. Except for the occasional pet wandering through the room or a doorbell ringing in the background, the online interviews are similar to what would take place if the student were sitting in the admissions office.

Wake Forest offers the virtual interview option to prospective students who have submitted applications to the university, but have not been interviewed. Admissions counselors contact students by e-mail to explain the technical requirements and arrange a time. This fall, admissions counselors are offering virtual interviews to early decision applicants only. In January, they will extend invitations to regular decision candidates who have not been able to talk in person with an admissions counselor. The admissions office is currently using Skype software for the interviews. Prospective students will soon have the option of using Adobe Connect software for Web-based interviews that will not require a Skype account. This will allow students to choose which technology they prefer to use for the interview.



Photo provided by C. Orin

Chevara Orrin (center) with sisters Bacardi Jackson and Bonny Shellman.

## Bevel

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even though he sexually molested me."

Bevel's name has been synonymous with social change and racial equality since the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. Though he is often touted as one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "right hand men," Bevel was a force in his own right. As the director of direct action and nonviolent education of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), he led some of the most important campaigns of the era, including the 1963 Birmingham Children's Crusade and the 1965 Selma Right to Vote Movement.

But Bevel was no champion when it came to his own family. He has fathered more than a dozen children by various women. And many of them say that Bevel sexually abused them.

Orrin was 12 when she says her father stole her innocence. Since that time, she has embarked upon a journey she has yet to complete: a quest for understanding, for peace, for closure.

"It has just been a roller coaster ride," said of her father's trial. "It's been surreal. On one hand, I've been dealing with this since I was 12; on the other hand, it's all brand new."



James Bevel with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Orrin, Mills and other Bevel children gave testimony at their father's trial. Their words helped to send him to prison.

Though she says she has forgiven her father for his sins against her, Orrin was hopeful she could gain some closure during the sentencing period, when her father was directed to apologize to those he victimized. But his "I'm sorry" never materialized.

"He took the stand and was defiant; he was arrogant; he made a mockery of the apology," Orrin said. "That was very painful to me."

Ever optimistic, Orrin has managed to find a silver lining in all of this.

"The beautiful aspect of this has been getting to know my siblings," she declared. "I don't think the universe makes mistakes. It's nice to know that we have each other."

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