



Office of the President Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Steven Hardy has accepted the position of Vice President for Administrative Services and Treasurer at Lakeland Community College, effective June 15, 2026. Dr. Hardy comes with extensive experiences in higher education finance and administration, having held similar positions for nearly twenty years. Steven currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of South Carolina Upstate and has previously served as Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services at Passaic County Community College in New Jersey and as Vice President for Administration and Finance at Washtenaw Community College in Michigan. Dr. Hardy holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University in New Jersey and Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

At Lakeland, in addition to serving as chief fiscal officer, Dr. Hardy's portfolio will include business services, auxiliary operations, facilities management, administrative technologies, and campus police. We are looking forward to working with Steven to continue on a fiscally conservative and responsible path for the college to ensure Lakeland's long-term financial sustainability. Our sincere thanks to the Board of Trustees for unanimously supporting this appointment.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Hardy to this important leadership role at Lakeland Community College.

With best regards,

Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.
President

Paul L. Rupert
Chair, Board of Trustees