Allen B. Withers has been named to the new position of vice president of student services at New River Community and Technical College. He will be responsible for administering all aspects of student life including counseling, student government and enrollment services. He will begin in duties on Nov. 1.

Withers comes to New River from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W. Va., where he was vice president of student services and enrollment management. His career in student affairs spans 21 years and three institutions. His experience includes management of residence life, orientation, financial aid and student affairs.
We are very pleased to have someone with Dr. Withers’ background and experience join our dynamic organization. With multiple campuses and a growing student enrollment, the challenges and opportunities to expand services is exciting,” said Dr. Ted D. Spring, president of New River.

Withers earned a bachelor’s degree in technical writing from Alderson-Broaddus and a master’s in arts administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He did post-graduate work in college student personnel at Marshall University and went on to earn a doctorate in higher education administration from Kent State University in Ohio.

Prior to his career in higher education administration, he was development coordinator for the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. He joined Mount Union College in Alliance, OH, as assistant director of residence life and orientation/residence director in 1989. In 1993, he moved to Georgia to become associate dean of students and director of residence life at Young Harris College. He returned to West Virginia and was named associate dean of students and director of financial aid at Alderson Broaddus in 1999. He was promoted to vice president for student services in 2002.

Withers is married to Mary Cresent Reynolds Withers, a middle and high school music and theater teacher. They have two sons, Patrick, 13, and Alex, 8.

New River Community and Technical College is a multi-campus institution with administrative headquarters in Beckley. The college serves a nine-county region encompassing Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster Counties in southeastern West Virginia from four campuses: Beckley, Greenbrier Valley (Lewisburg), Mercer County (Princeton) and Nicholas County (Summersville).

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