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## **Dr. Evelyn A. Edney Selected as the New Leader of the State's First Early College High School**

Dover, Del. (May 8, 2015) – The Early College High School at Delaware State University (ECHS@DSU) has announced the appointment of Dr. Evelyn A. Edney as the school's new leader. She will assume the position following her term as principal at Dover High School.

Dr. Alton Thompson, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Delaware State and chairperson of the Board of Directors of the ECHS@DSU, noted that “Dr. Edney thoroughly understands and appreciates secondary education because of her visionary and contemporary leadership in several teaching and administrative positions in secondary schools in Delaware for the past 24 years. In addition, she has worked with intensity, passion and design thinking to create a strong school community that motivates teachers and staff to ensure student achievement,” Thompson said.

Dr. Edney has served on a number of important boards in the state including the Delaware Women's Alliance for Sport & Fitness, the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Delaware Association of School Administrators, the Delaware Association of School Principals, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Sorority International. In addition, Dr. Edney has participated in Vision 2015 Delaware (*executive leadership training*) and Vision Network (*establishing guidelines for student efficacy*).

She graduated with both Bachelor and Master of Arts in English degrees from the University of Delaware and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix.

### **About the Early College High School at Delaware State University**

The mission of the Early College High School at Delaware State University is to provide highly motivated students with a curriculum concentrating on science, technology, engineering and mathematics that is integrated with the relevant curriculum at Delaware State University such that all students graduate with one to two years of college credits and are in a favorable position to graduate from college. The school shall provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment that develops students' academic, social skills and personal character traits necessary for successful college completion, with a special focus on high school students who will be the first generation in their families to become college educated.

### **Enroll Now!**

Early College High School is a free public high school currently educating 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is no fee to attend and all students may enroll. Parents and students who are interested in learning more about the Early College High School at Delaware State University are encouraged to visit the school's website at <http://echs.desu.edu>.