

Chancellor recommends Robert Glenn for Athens State University presidency

Athens, Alabama – Bradley R. Byrne, chancellor of Alabama's two-year college system, will recommend Dr. Robert Glenn as the next president of Athens State University to the Alabama State Board of Education at its May 22 board meeting.

Byrne's recommendation comes after completing a presidential search process which brought in 48 applicants from across the country. Glenn will replace Dr. Jerry Bartlett, who in an October 22 letter to Chancellor Byrne stated his intent to retire, effective August 1. Bartlett has served as president of Athens State University since January 1, 1992.

"In Dr. Glenn we have found a rising leader of higher education in the southeast," Byrne said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and great experience for Athens State as the great-grandson of a former president. As an alumnus of both The University of Alabama and Birmingham-Southern College he clearly has long-standing ties to our state."

According to Glenn, his great-grandfather, Edgar Massilon Glenn served two years, 1902 – 1904, as Athens' president when the institution was known as Athens Female College. He later served on the Board of Trustees at Athens State, as well as the Board of Trustees for Birmingham-Southern College and Huntingdon College.

Robert Glenn has significant experience in institutions of higher education. He brings 33 years of administrative and leadership experience; eight years of experience at the vice president level; six years of experience at the vice provost level; six years of experience at the dean level; and adjunct faculty experience to his new position. He has served in various positions associated with or directly linked to student enrollment and academic services across the country.

"I am both honored and excited to have this opportunity to come back to Alabama and to serve at Athens State University," stated Glenn. "I have great respect for the institution and I firmly believe that its best days are ahead of us. The faculty and staff are a dedicated community of professionals and it will be a pleasure to have a chance to work with them," he said. "Athens State University has been described as the best-kept secret in Alabama and I am hopeful that we can work together to change that as we seek to serve the needs of our state and its citizens."

Glenn received his doctorate in philosophy with an emphasis in counselor education and his master's of science with an emphasis in student personnel work from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He earned his bachelor of science degree with an emphasis in chemistry from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, AL.

Athens State University is located in Athens, and is part of the Alabama Community College System. Athens State is the only two-year, upper-division institution providing transfer opportunities to students of the system's technical and community colleges. Baccalaureate degrees can be earned through the College of Education, the College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences.