Ralls is 2013 graduation speaker

The President of the North Carolina Community College System, R. Scott Ralls, will deliver the commencement address at the 2013 graduation exercises for Beaufort County Community College to be held Thursday, May 16.

BCCC graduation exercises will be held at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Washington High School. Admission is by ticket, available from members of the 2013 graduating class.

Dr. Ralls is the seventh President of the North Carolina Community College System, which includes 58 campuses across the state. As President, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the system’s office in Raleigh and advocates for the community college system before the legislature, among other duties.

He holds a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Maryland, a bachelor’s degree with highest distinction from the University of North Carolina, and in 2007, was elected the tenth honorary fellow of Warwickshire College in Warwickshire, England.

Before being named system President, Dr. Ralls was President of Craven Community College. He is only the second former North Carolina community college president to hold the system presidency.

Among his accomplishments, Dr. Ralls was one of the original champions for early college high schools, and today, North Carolina hosts one-third of all early colleges in the nation, the vast majority of which are located on the campuses of community colleges.

As President of the North Carolina Community College System, Dr. Ralls led efforts to gain the system’s first weighted funding for technical education, to link career-technical and science and technology pathways with public schools and

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