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A Lasting Impact

Algie Gatewood welcomes new Portland Community College President Jeremy Brown to PCC's Cascade Campus in north Portland in early July. Gatewood was president of the school for 9 years, seeing credit enrollment grow by 66% during his tenure.

Algie Gatewood's charm and success will be missed

BY JAMES G. HILL

Portland Community College is losing one of its longtime leaders.

Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood is returning to his roots to become the next president of Alamance Community College in North Carolina. Gatewood completes a nine-year tenure as leader of PCC's urban north Portland campus. His last day on the job will be Sept. 30.

College President Jeremy Brown said he will gather input and advice on potential candidates in the weeks to come in order to appoint an interim president for the Cascade Cam-

pus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. Once that happens, the college will then launch a search for a permanent leader. There is no timetable on this process as of yet.

"Without a doubt, this has been one of the most difficult decisions of my career, for I have come to love Portland more than any place I have ever lived," said Gatewood. "Never before have I encountered such a rich combination of cultural and ethnic diversity, natural beauty, and open-minded and forward-thinking people. This is truly a special corner of the world, and I will always carry a piece of Portland in my heart."

Gatewood, who has dedicated his nearly 40-year career to

public education, brought his trademark Southern charm to Portland in 2004 to handle significant enrollment growth, guide two major bond build outs and help expand community partnerships at the Cascade Campus.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for Algie to return to North Carolina to lead a community college and to reconnect with his family," said Brown, who started as college president on July 1. "I regret that I will not get the chance to work more closely with Algie. He has had a lasting impact on PCC's

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