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## NEW MARTIN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT SELECTED

INDIANAPOLIS – The Martin University Board of Trustees announced today that Sean L. Huddleston will become President, effective March 25, 2019. He succeeds Dr. Eugene White who has led Martin since 2013 and announced his retirement in August. White will continue to serve Martin as President Emeritus. Huddleston was recommended by a broad-based Search Committee that conducted a national search this fall.

Huddleston is currently Vice President for Inclusion and Equity at the University of Indianapolis. He was the Chief Officer for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement at Framingham State University, Assistant Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Strategy Implementation at Grand Valley State University, and has held managerial positions with Steelcase and Detroit Technologies.

He received a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University, master's and specialist's degrees in Education from Grand Valley State University, and has completed requirements needed to receive his doctorate in Higher Education and Community College Leadership from Ferris State University in May, 2019.

“I am deeply honored and extremely excited to have been selected to serve as the next President of Martin University,” said Huddleston. “I truly believe that its rich history and mission make Martin one of the most important higher education institutions in our region. Dr. Eugene White did a tremendous job leading the institution, resulting in Martin's being stable and poised for growth. I am looking forward to working side-by-side with Martin's faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, and friends to help the university achieve new heights while continuing to preserve the great legacies of our founders, Father Boniface Hardin, and Sister Jane Schilling.”

“The Board of Trustees of Martin University enthusiastically welcomes Sean as President of Martin University,” said Nancy Chism, Chair. “We are extremely impressed with his appreciation for Martin, his grasp of important current issues in higher education, and his exciting ideas for the future. It was crucial for Martin University to find a President who has a servant's heart, can articulate its unique mission, and inspire the faculty, staff, and students. He embodies those important qualities and has a clear vision of Martin's special role in the state.”

Chism added, “We also wish to thank Dr. Eugene White for his inspiring leadership over the past five years. He has personified the theme: ‘All in for Martin.’ His generosity, dedication, and vision have enriched Martin immensely.”

Martin University, Indiana's only Primarily Black Institution (PBI), was founded in 1977 as a liberal arts institution designed to serve nontraditional students, particularly African American students. Today, it continues its mission of support for student success with a broader population and programs at the baccalaureate and master's levels.

*Martin University's Mission is to provide excellence in educating and developing traditional and non-traditional students in an inclusive, supportive and healthy collegiate environment.*