Armstrong executive joins BC3 Board of Trustees

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Commissioners have appointed Joseph Taylor, a Butler resident and general manager at Armstrong in Zelienople, to the Butler County Community College Board of Trustees effective today, according to ex officio member Kimberly D. Geyer.

Taylor, 57, holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., and an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla. He has lived in Butler County since 2000.

He replaces Grace Hawkins, who served on the board since 1990-91 and whose latest six-year term expired June 30.

"Joe Taylor is committed to education and community, just as Armstrong is," said Geyer, one of three Butler County Commissioners who appoint members to BC3's Board of Trustees. "We look forward to having Mr. Taylor join the board."

Taylor's term continues to June 30, 2022.

Ray D. Steffler, chairman of BC3's Board of Trustees and an aide to state Sen. Scott E. Hutchinson, R-21, Oil City, commended Taylor's expertise in business and his knowledge of the community.

Joseph Taylor, of Butler, has been appointed to the Butler County Community College Board of Trustees by Butler County Commissioners. Taylor, 57, is general manager at Armstrong in Zelienople.

"He is a great guy," Steffler said. "I have known him for some time and have served on other boards with him. He brings a lot to the table and he contributes."

Taylor has been employed by Armstrong for 21 years and has worked in the cable industry for more than 30 years.

"I have watched the school grow in the time that I have been here," Taylor said of BC3. "And certainly I recognize the importance of training young people for the jobs of the future. It seems like BC3 is doing a good job of identifying those areas and providing the education and training that's required.

"I read regularly that the student population (at BC3) has remained strong, and that there have been major investments on the campus in terms of upgrades to facilities and new facilities over the years. And I know that BC3 has been recognized as the top community college in Pennsylvania."

BC3 has been ranked the No. 1 community college in the state by Schools.com.

"The fact that we have an institution of higher learning right here in Butler," Taylor said, "is a valuable asset."

Dr. Nick Neupauer, president of BC3, also lauded Taylor's appointment.

"I am so privileged as president of this wonderful institution to be blessed with the wisdom and support of a terrific Board of Trustees," Neupauer said. "Joe will be a great addition. He is a man of integrity, vision and savvy. The organization he represents is a pillar of our community and a great supporter and believer of the college. I look forward to working with Joe for many years."

Taylor serves as chairman of BCAP, the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania, a trade group with headquarters in Harrisburg. He is also past chair of the Butler County Chamber of Commerce and of the Beaver-Butler board of the American Heart Association. He is also active with the March of Dimes in Butler County and serves on the boards of the Nonprofit Development Corporation and the Community Development Corporation of Butler County.

BC3's Board of Trustees is a policy-making body that provides direction and guidance to the president and administration of the college. The primary functions of the board include establishing basic policy, appointing the president and financial control of the institution.

In addition to Steffler and Geyer, members of BC3's Board of Trustees are vice chairman Joseph Kubit, esq., Montgomery, Crissman, Montgomery, Kubit, L.L.P.; secretary Glenn T. Miller, funeral director, Thompson-Miller Funeral Home; treasurer Scott A. McDowell, chief financial officer, Blair Strip Steel; William A. DiCuccio, M.D., medical director, Sunnyview Nursing Home; Jennifer R. Linn, esq., The Linn Law Group; Gordon L. Marburger, dairy farmer; Bruce Mazzoni, Cranberry Township supervisor; Brian K. McCafferty, owner, Kenmac Rentals and Sales; Gail A. Paserba, president, International Quality Consultants Inc.; Carmine A. Scotece, retired Human Services director for Butler County; and Nancy H. Staible, retired physician's assistant.