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Longtime Knox County Schools Principal Dr. Roy Miller Joins Johnson University as Dean of Templar School of Education

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Dr. Roy V. Miller, one of Knox County Schools’ most revered principals, has joined Johnson University as Dean of the Templar School of Education.

With a celebrated career in teaching and school administration spanning 32 years, Dr. Miller’s extensive experience in education aligns well with Johnson University’s mission to cultivate outstanding teachers who value integrity.

“As a longtime public educator, with many years spent in classrooms and administration, I’m excited about stepping into this opportunity at such an amazing institution as Johnson University,” said Dr. Miller.

Johnson University graduates comprised a third of the faculty at Mooreland Heights Elementary under Dr. Miller’s leadership, confirming his appreciation of the University’s education program. As principal, Dr. Miller developed a stellar reputation for strengthening education and facilities at Mooreland Heights. Most recently, Dr. Miller spearheaded a $2 million project to build a 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition to the elementary school. Furthermore during his tenure as principal, Mooreland Heights became the only elementary school in East Tennessee where every child had a technological device.

“Dr. Miller’s decades-long experience in elementary school education will provide invaluable insight for the Templar School of Education,” said Dr. Gary Weedman, President of Johnson University, which has three campuses – in Knoxville, in Kissimmee, FL, and online. “His commitment, expertise, and advocacy for education will strengthen Johnson University’s impact on teaching in Tennessee, Florida, and beyond.”

As an admired educator, Dr. Miller has become a prominent advocate for integrating arts education within core curriculum. With Dr. Miller at the helm, Mooreland Heights received the Exemplary School Award in the Arts from the state of Tennessee for 2007–2008 and 2008–2009 academic years.
“I’m very grateful for the knowledge that I have gained as a principal of an arts integrated school,” said Dr. Miller. “Now I will have the chance to pass along this knowledge to up-and-coming teachers.”

Celebrated statewide and nationally as a principal, Dr. Miller served on the grant panel for the National Endowment of the Arts in Washington D.C. from 2008 to 2009 and has also spoken in front of the Tennessee Senate Education Committee.

Additionally, Dr. Miller has served on advisory boards for education at Johnson University and the University of Tennessee. For his invaluable leadership in education, UT honored Dr. Miller with the 2014 Outstanding Collaborator award.

“Johnson University will greatly benefit from Dr. Miller’s strong sense of mission, administrative leadership, educational experience, and impressive record of collaboration,” said Dr. L. Thomas Smith Jr., Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost of Johnson University.

Dr. Miller has earned several degrees including two doctorates, one in executive leadership from Emory University, the other in education from Lincoln Memorial University. A Newport, Tenn. native, he also received bachelor and master’s degrees in education from the University of Tennessee.

Johnson University’s Templar School of Education seeks to prepare future teachers to integrate a faith-based, holistic education philosophy in a variety of school settings. Since 1893, Johnson University has been a leader in Christian higher education. Today the Johnson University System offers more than 50 accredited associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and Ph.D. programs across three campuses – in East Tennessee, Central Florida, and online. Each campus reflects the university’s mission to equip individuals for Christian ministries and other strategic vocations in service to God and others.

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