Thomas College President Laurie Lachance Announces Retirement

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12 years ago, in the spring of 2012 I got a call that completely changed my life. I was offered this incredible opportunity to become the fifth president of Thomas College.

It has been an amazing 12 years and over that time with the vision of the board and the can-do spirit and passion of the people who work at this college, the faculty, the staff and the students we have been able to do amazing things at one of the more difficult times in higher ed and it's enabled this little College to grow and prosper and become stronger with each year that passed.

As I come to this period, I've realized it's time for a change and transition in my own life and so, in October of 2023, I let the board know that I would be retiring in June of 2025. That gives us lots of time for a very intentional and thoughtful process to transition the presidency to the next president of the college, who will take the college to the next level.

“She actually greets every student that walks through the doors here at the college not only that but also with their parents. Here's a president that has quite a few different things to do, but yet she always takes the time regardless of what the situation is to come out and actually meet what possibly could be perspective student and their family, and that just leaves an incredible impression upon me, and I think others as well.”

“She's such an empath. Every speech she's ever given she just shows how personal she is. She's so strong in her passions and it's so nice to see, as a student who's ready to be around students as well. Being an education major, I've always looked up to her in that light, and I just want to be as empathetic as she is.”

“What she's done for the college over the last Dozen Years is extraordinary. She can sit back in retirement and look from afar and see what she's produced and how it's how it's carried on through the years. With this announcement we will be announcing the search for the next president of Thomas College. I'm fully committed to helping that person really build that foundation so they can take the college to the next level of incredible growth.”

Thank you, it has been the greatest experience of my life and I'm forever grateful and forever a terrier.

Thank you.

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