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## *A Message from Chancellor Sophie Zdatny*

Dear Vermont State University Students,

I am pleased to share with you that David G. Bergh, Ed.D was appointed as the next interim President of Vermont State University. Dave will assume the presidency after Mike Smith departs next month.

Dave is familiar to many at VTSU as he served as Dean of Student Life and College Relations, among other student affairs roles, on the Johnson campus. At Johnson, he led the cross-institution Student Affairs Council, was widely recognized for advancing the college's diversity and inclusion efforts, and established coordinated services for military-connected students. Most recently, he held leadership roles for eight years at Cazenovia College, a former independent college in New York state.

We are thrilled to welcome Dave back to the Vermont State Colleges System at this exciting moment in our history. He understands rural higher education and brings a true passion for advancing the needs of students to his work. He has a track record of engagement, community service, and relationship-building. Dave will thoughtfully carry VTSU through its next phase and I hope you will join me in welcoming him to Vermont State University.

With best wishes,

Sophie

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