

West Point professor to join Milligan engineering faculty

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (April 25, 2016) – Milligan College announced today that a West Point professor will be joining the ranks of Milligan College's new engineering program, which launches this fall. Dr. David Hampton will teach mechanical engineering, starting in the Fall 2017 semester.

The program, offering mechanical and electrical engineering majors, is led by Dr. Greg Harrell and housed in the college's B.D. Phillips Building where new engineering labs already have been constructed.

Hampton taught in the civil and mechanical engineering department at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for over a decade and previously taught at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He served several years as an officer in the U.S. Navy (submarine force) and completed multiple summer research fellowships with various NASA centers, the Army Research Lab and at Cambridge University.

"We're excited that someone with such stellar academic credentials is joining our engineering faculty, but it is all the more thrilling that Dr. Hampton has a long family connection to Milligan," said Milligan President Dr. Bill Greer. "We're delighted that the college is such an important part of life to this special family that they would commit so much of themselves to our students and to our mission."

Both Hampton's father, Roy, and his mother, Wanda, taught at Milligan for many years. His sister, Rebecca Plumer, is an alumna and past member of the Emmanuel Christian Seminary Board of Trustees, and Dr. David Hampton's niece will graduate from Milligan next month. One of the college's newest residence halls, Hampton Hall, bears the family name.

Hampton earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in nuclear engineering and Ph.D. in mechanical and aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia. He also received a master's degree in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and is a committed Christian.

In addition, Hampton is a member of several professional engineering organizations and the American Society of Engineering Education. He is well-experienced with both the curriculum and the curriculum objectives required for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

"It is of the utmost importance to Milligan that our engineering faculty are experienced and seasoned academicians who have been core faculty members in ABET-accredited programs—and further, that they are considered elites in their respective fields," said Harrell, who was recently named the Malcolm C. and Ruth G. Myers Chair of Engineering at Milligan. "We are very excited to have Dr. Hampton join us in our goal to prepare well-rounded engineers for leadership and innovation in all sectors of the economy who have a heart to serve."

The Milligan engineering majors have been reviewed and approved by the college's regional accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Milligan also will be seeking accreditation from ABET, whose accreditation standards the college's engineering program has been designed to meet. In addition,

Milligan's engineering faculty are experienced and seasoned academicians who have been core faculty members in ABET-accredited programs. Local industry leaders already are endorsing the program and ready to offer internships and co-ops, as well as hire Milligan engineering graduates. More information on ABET accreditation can be found on the ABET web site at www.abet.org.

For more information about Milligan's engineering program, visit www.milligan.edu/engineering. To apply, contact the Admissions Office at 423.461.8700 or email admission@milligan.edu.

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