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**DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW, EXPANDED ROLES FOR KEY EMPLOYEES**

**MONESSEN, PA., DECEMBER 10, 2010** – Douglas Education Center (DEC) today announced two promotions reflective of DEC’s commitment to build and maintain a strong and dynamic management team. Patricia DeConcilis has been promoted to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Susan Weaver to Director of Academic Progress.

“Along with attracting world-class talent from outside the company, one of my top priorities is growing Douglas Education Center’s existing leadership team,” said Jeffrey D. Imbrescia, president of DEC. “Both of these employees will play a critical role in leading DEC into the future. Today’s promotions are a result of their ability to think strategically, the respect they’ve earned from their peers, and their significant contributions to the school.”

The following DEC employees now hold these titles and responsibilities:

- **Patricia DeConcilis, Vice President of Academic Affairs**  
Previously Director of Education, DeConcilis will continue to be responsible for spearheading DEC’s efforts to bring new programs and to expand existing programs within DEC. She will also continue to manage the overall flow of DEC’s Education Department, instructors and students.

DeConcilis brings with her 18 years of experience as an attorney, 13 of which coincided with her responsibilities at DEC. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WIB), is a member of the Executive Board for WIB, Westmoreland Bar Association, and PA Bar Association, and is the Chairperson for the Career-Link Committee WIB. DeConcilis holds a B.A. from Seton Hill University, a M.ED. from California University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Duquesne University.

- **Susan Weaver, Director of Academic Progress**

Previously Academic Progress Coordinator, Weaver will continue to manage and create student schedules, determine satisfactory academic progress, counsel students on schedules and courses, create and maintain articulation agreements as well as provide strategic course planning for program expansions and future semesters.

Weaver currently is involved in the Office of Secretary in the AWANA Program at Pricedale Union Church and holds an Associate in Specialized Business degree in Executive Secretarial from Douglas Education Center.

For more information about Douglas Education Center and its programs visit [www.dec.edu](http://www.dec.edu).

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#### **DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER**

Established in 1904, Douglas Education Center (DEC) is the premier creative career institution located in Monessen, PA. DEC creates an educational atmosphere that not only fosters the highest standards of excellence in all students, but also helps these students develop an awareness of social responsibility and ethical behavior. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, graphic design, cosmetology, medical and business. DEC instructors are industry professionals who have actual working knowledge and experience in the programs in which they teach.