

Retirement Announcement

Dear Campus Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that Dr. Vilas Prabhu, our provost and vice president for academic affairs, has notified me of his intent to retire at the end of March 2021 after serving Millersville University for 16 years and U.S. higher education for 50 years. Dr. Prabhu is a committed, knowledgeable, and insightful leader and a valued voice across campus and within the higher education community and he will be deeply missed. During his tenure as Millersville's chief academic officer, he has worked collaboratively as a member of the Cabinet of three presidents and with the University community. His impact will be long felt by our University, which is stronger thanks to his presence.

The longest serving provost in Millersville University's history, Dr. Prabhu has been an active member of University leadership during my presidency as well as the presidencies of Drs. Anderson and McNairy. During his tenure as chief academic officer, Millersville University achieved major academic milestones that include establishing the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (2009), three academic Colleges and the School of Social Work (2014), the Tell School of Music (2018), and the Lombardo College of Business (2020). Dr. Prabhu has helped lead the construction or renovation of several academic facilities, including Osburn Hall, Stayer Hall, Wickersham Hall, the Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center, Luek Hall and the Ware Center. He has also helped shepherd major programmatic advances, such as the development of the first fully online graduate program in Emergency Management, three new doctoral programs (DSW, Ed.D. and DNP), and several new and innovative Masters' programs and undergraduate majors and minors. He has also helped to achieve and retain the prestigious Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and overseen several accreditation reviews. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Prabhu has shared the stage with over 25,000 Millersville graduates as they began their professional journeys having benefited from his leadership.

As a first-generation high school and college graduate who journeyed to the US with \$300 in 1971 and ever since has dedicated his life to serving students, Dr. Prabhu embodies the Marauder spirit and our institution's EPPIIC values. In my time at Millersville, Vilas has been a welcoming voice, sage counsel, and cheerful colleague. He has made us stronger as an institution by keeping your success and the well-being of every member of our community at the center of his life and work. Vilas and his wife, Sneha intend to live in Lancaster and continue their strong connection and support of Millersville University.

We will begin work immediately to develop a transition plan, which I will share as soon as is practical. For now, I encourage you to join me in thanking Dr. Prabhu for his many gifts to our University and in celebrating his many accomplishments.

With warm regards,

Daniel A. Wubah
University President