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**DR. BURT HARRES, OF BROOKSVILLE, APPOINTED TO
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Governor Jeb Bush appoints Dr. Burt Harres, Provost of Pasco Hernando Community College North Campus in Brooksville, Fla., to Volunteer Florida.

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently appointed Dr. Burt Harres, of Brooksville, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). Harres, who represents Hernando County, will serve a three-year term.

Prior to his arrival at Pasco Hernando Community College, Dr. Harres served in numerous administrative capacities at Hillsborough Community College and at the University of South Florida.

Dr. Harres is actively involved in community affairs in Hernando County. He is a member of the board of directors of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Hernando County. Dr. Harres was president of the board of the United Way of Hernando County in 2003 and 2004. He currently is chairperson of the board of directors of Hernando County's Take Stock in Children program. Dr. Harres also is chairman of the board of directors of the Brooksville/Hernando County Enterprise Zone Development Agency.

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He serves as a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Council for Oak Hill Hospital, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Brooksville. In 1995, Dr. Harres served as president of the board of directors for the Florida Association of Community Colleges.

“We are very excited to welcome Dr. Burt Harres to the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “Dr. Harres’ extensive background in education, as well as the strong personal commitment he has demonstrated to community service, makes him an ideal choice to serve on the Commission.”

Volunteer Florida Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida’s mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, who serve a three-year term.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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