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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DR. LANCE ASKILDSON  
AS NEW PROVOST**

HONOLULU (March 11, 2019) – Chaminade University has named Dr. Lance Askildson as its new Provost, effective July 1, 2019. He will serve as Chaminade’s chief academic officers, cultivating and supporting a world-class faculty of teaching scholars while developing and promoting the University’s academic mission and vision. He will replace Dr. Helen Whippy, who is set to retire.

“I’m confident that Dr. Askildson will lead our academic enterprise to new heights,” said Dr. Lynn Babington, President of Chaminade University. “His deep commitment to our mission and values and demonstrated success of collaboration within communities will be critical as we develop a vibrant and sustainable Chaminade with strong fiscal discipline and accountability.”

Dr. Askildson comes to Chaminade with more than 15 years of distinctive higher education experience across three institutions. He most recently served as Vice Provost & Chief International Officer at Kennesaw State University, where he also holds a tenured faculty appointment in Applied Linguistics. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Provost and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Languages & Cultures at the University of Notre Dame. He also previously served as an academic administrator and faculty member in the College of Humanities at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Askildson said of his appointment, “Chaminade University’s excellence comes not only from its compelling portfolio of academic programs and its distinctive Marianist and Hawaiian identity, but from the institution’s apparent dedication to its faculty, staff and students who are committed to an education in service to others. I feel privileged to

have the opportunity to contribute to this transformative institutional mission and ethos.”

An interdisciplinary scholar of second language acquisition, language learning technology and international studies, Dr. Askildson has been widely published in academic journals. He is also a frequent invited speaker and consultant on the internationalization of higher education, language program assessment and leadership.

Active in academic and professional organizations, Dr. Askildson is the former Executive Secretary of the International Association for Language Learning Technology; the current chair of the United Nations Institute for Training & Research regional training center in Atlanta; a trustee and board member of the Center for the Advanced Study of International Education; and an advisory board member of the federally funded Title VI National Foreign Language Resource Center on Language Assessment & Evaluation based at Georgetown University.

#### About Chaminade University

Chaminade University of Honolulu provides a collaborative and innovative learning environment that prepares graduate and undergraduate students for life, service and successful careers. Established in 1955, the university is guided by its Catholic, Marianist and liberal arts educational traditions, which include a commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian population. Chaminade offers an inclusive setting where students, faculty and staff collectively pursue a more just and peaceful society. For more information, visit [www.chaminade.edu](http://www.chaminade.edu).

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