

# Division of Finance and Administration

## The Division of Finance and Administration Welcomes Dr. Patrick Schloss, Valdosta State University's 8th President



We are excited, honored, and proud to have Dr. Patrick Schloss as Valdosta State University's 8th President.

In his career as president of Northern State University, Dr. Schloss initiated a strategic planning process titled the "Margin of Excellence." The plan focused on three institutional priorities including recruitment, retention, and faculty scholarship. Over the first four years of the program, headcount enrollment increased 12 percent. Other "Margin of Excellence" accomplishments included a four percent increase in student retention, substantial growth in support for faculty scholarship, and creation of a budget process linking institutional objectives to campus resources.

Dr. Schloss received his Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education from the University of Wisconsin (1979), a M.S. in Counseling from Illinois State University (1976), and a bachelor's degree in Special Education from Illinois State University (1974)

Dr. Schloss has been committed to promoting excellence and accessibility in education, supporting innovation, expanding diversity, and enhancing higher education's role in public service. Valdosta State University has strong traditions and admirable achievements in all these areas, and we look forward to Dr. Schloss leading this great institution as its President into a future marked by continued distinction and new discovery.