

Statement by Governor Markell on University of Delaware President Patrick Harker's Departure

Wilmington, DE – Governor Markell issued the following statement today in response to the announcement that University of Delaware President Patrick T. Harker will step down from his position at UD to become President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on July 1, 2015:

“I thank President Harker for his outstanding service in leading one of our state’s most important institutions and I wish him continued success in his next role.

“President Harker leaves UD in an outstanding position to continue as a leader in research and innovation and, most importantly, in preparing present and future classes of Blue Hens to realize their potential. From the growth of highly-skilled jobs and university activity on the STAR campus, to the instruction and cutting-edge scientific research at the new ISE Lab, to UD’s recently-launched cybersecurity initiative, President Harker’s tenure has been marked by progress in areas most important to building a stronger economy and workforce. I look forward to working with the university’s next president to build on these achievements and to continue pursuing greater educational and economic opportunities for the people of our state.”

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