

Coahoma VP graduates Harvard program

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Dr. Greg Hudson, vice president of student affairs and support services at Coahoma Community College graduated July 30 in the 41st class from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Educational Management (IEM).

The volume of applications was so extensive that invitations to unsuccessful 2010 candidates have been extended to participate in the 42nd class of 2011, according to Dr. Joe Zolner, Institute director.

Dr. Hudson was the only Mississippian attending the institute July 18-30 with other senior-level administrators from 32 states and 11 international countries including New Zealand, the Marshall Islands, Korea, and Australia.

"The Institute was an absolutely amazing scholarly, collegial, educational, professional, and personal experience," comments Dr. Hudson.

Targeting executive administrators aspiring to broaden decision-making and policy-making skills needed to become institution presidents, the institute was structured with 30 classes and 11 group sessions.

"I am humbled and blessed to have had this opportunity," comments Dr. Hudson who says he was encouraged to apply by two mentors: Dr. Vivian Presley, CCC president; and Dr. Wayne Blansett, Delta State University vice president of student affairs.

"I am excited Dr. Hudson had the opportunity to attend the Harvard Institute, and am sure the experience will be positive for Coahoma Community



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Dr. Greg Hudson (center), vice president of student affairs and support services at Coahoma Community College, is congratulated on his graduation from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education by Dr. Jim Honan (left), professor and senior lecturer, and Dr. Joe Zolner, institute director. Dr. Hudson holds four degrees from Delta State University and is a resident of Cleveland.

was structured with classes framing issues, leadership transitions, mapping and managing external relationships, governance as leadership, academic leadership, financial management, managing senior leadership teams, fund-raising, and working with boards of trustees.

"The classes were designed to capture issues that presidents face internally and externally," says Hudson.

He said group sessions had nine members, and participants developed case studies to be presented for feedback on how to handle situations.

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Hudson says the experience will assist his management of Coahoma's "Team and Family" in the division of student affairs and support services.

Asked how he directs the multi-faceted division, he replies, "I pray a lot daily, learn to pick talented people, assist with maximizing their potential, back them with support and understanding, empower and encourage them, give away the credit, practice the notion of servant leadership, get out of the way and watch quality and excellence unfold."

Harvard Square, enjoyed a New England Clam Bake, and a harbor cruise with live music performed by Berklee College of Music faculty.

Dr. Hudson holds four degrees from Delta State University; a bachelor's degree in education, master's degree in social science education, a master's degree in health, physical education, and recreation, and a doctor of education degree in educational administration.

During the 2010 academic year, he graduated from the inaugural class of the Mississippi Community