

William Behre was named Slippery Rock University's 17th president March 14, 2018 by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education board of governors. He took office July 1, 2018.

Behre, the former provost of Georgian Court University, has more than 25 years of experience in higher education as an educator, researcher, faculty leader and administrator. He had served as GCU's chief academic officer from 2014-2018.

As provost at GCU, a small, private university in Lakewood, N.J., Behre worked closely with deans, department chairs and the president's cabinet. He was responsible for academic program development and review; research and sponsored projects; faculty development; overseeing student life, student success, retention, career services, continuing education, global education and intercollegiate athletics.

Under his guidance, GCU increased its student retention rates each of the last three years, expanded the number of articulation agreements with community colleges and high schools, rewrote its general education curriculum and developed its first doctoral program, among other accomplishments.

Prior to his GCU stint, Behre had previously spent more than 16 years at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J., one of eight regional senior colleges in the New Jersey state system. While there, he held various positions, including vice provost; assistant vice president of the Division of College Advancement; dean of the School of Education; and chair of the Department of Special Education, Language and Literacy. He was hired as an assistant professor in 1997 and rose through the faculty ranks to become a full professor in 2006.

Behre began his career in higher education as a research assistant and instructor at the University of Michigan in 1993 while he was working on his doctoral degree. Previously, he was a special education teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y., for four years, and worked in public relations for Burson-Marsteller in New York City for two years.

He has been awarded several research grants, has authored or co-authored numerous scholarly papers and has served as a reviewer for a number of publications, including *Urban Education*, *The Journal of Moral Education* and *The American Educational Research Journal*. He also has served on the boards of several civic and community organizations, including the New Hope-Solebury School Board in New Hope, where he was elected to separate terms as president and vice president.

Behre has a bachelor's degree in economics from Vassar College; a master's degree in education from Hunter College of the City University of New York; and a Ph.D. in education with a focus on special education policy from the University of Michigan.

He and his wife, Leah Ingram, are the parents of two adult children, Annie, a graduate of Lehigh University, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in bioengineering at Carnegie Mellon University, and Jane, a graduate of Barnard College, who is pursuing a master's of library and information science at the University of Maryland.