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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EDUCATOR JOINS UTPB FACULTY

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Nationally recognized educational leadership professor Elaine Wilmore will teach her first class at UT Permian Basin Thursday.

Wilmore joins the UTPB faculty from Dallas Baptist University, where she was assistant vice president for educational networking and director of educational leadership programs.

“Educational leadership is truly my life’s work, my calling,” Wilmore said. “I am so excited to be here at UTPB, contributing to this university’s educational leadership master’s degree program.”

The UTPB educational leadership program is designed to help educators become administrators. To become a principal, superintendent and in many cases even a director in the public schools, you must have a master’s degree, Wilmore explained.

“Educational leadership is that distinction between leadership and management, so that school administrators can be forward- thinking, creating vision for a school while maintaining order, allowing the institution to move forward,” she said.

Wilmore has written five books on educational leadership, including “*Principal Induction: A Standards-Based Model for Principal Development and Retention*” and “*Passing the Principal TExES Examination: Keys to Certification and School Leadership.*” She has two more books in the works, and also developed 18 graduate level courses.

Before working at Dallas Baptist, she spent more than 10 years at the University of Texas at Arlington. While there, Wilmore developed the university’s educational leadership program, which grew to 300 students under her direction.

“We are so fortunate to have her,” announced elated UTPB School of Education

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Dean Ed Mills. "She will be able to develop and teach a variety of courses in our educational leadership program."

UTPB educational leadership program coordinator Tom Parks agreed with Mills, adding that having a faculty member of Wilmore's stature is an indicator of the quality of UTPB's program.

"Having Dr. Wilmore join our faculty validates the fact that we have one of the most effective educational leadership programs in the country," Parks said. "Our graduates score at the top of the required Texas certification test for principals and superintendents year after year and successfully hold administrative positions in the majority of Permian Basin schools. We continue to attract top-notch students, and our already-strong faculty will be even stronger now that Dr. Wilmore has joined us."

Wilmore also has 20 years of experience in Texas public schools, having served as a teacher, counselor and principal. She is also a former member of the Cleburne Board of Trustees.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Lamar University and her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. Her Texas teaching certifications include superintendency, midmanagement/principal, supervision, guidance and counseling, elementary, kindergarten, and music specialization. She is the past president of both the National Council of Professors of Education of America and the Texas Council of Professors of Education of America.

She and her husband Greg have been married for 35 years. They have three grown children and a brand new granddaughter, Blair Elaine. They also have two "pugnacious" pooches, Anabella Rose and Isabella Lace.

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