



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear OU Community,

I am pleased to share the appointment of Dr. Paul Gilmore as the next Dean of the OU Honors College. He will officially join the OU Family on June 23, 2025, pending final approval by the OU Board of Regents.

Dr. Gilmore brings a long history in public higher education to the University of Oklahoma, including serving as the founding Dean of the Honors College at Rutgers University, New Brunswick – the first campus-wide honors program at New Jersey’s flagship. In this role, he brought to life a bold vision – blending the close-knit community of a liberal arts college with the expansive opportunities of a major public research university. He also oversaw efforts that led to student completion rates surpassing national honors program averages, while enrolling 500 high-achieving students annually and advancing cross-institutional collaboration among Big Ten honors deans. Dr. Gilmore’s experience building a thriving, interdisciplinary honors program from the ground up uniquely positions him to lead our Honors College into its next era of excellence.

He also has served as Dean of Liberal Arts and Honors at Long Island University; Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of American Literature at California State University, Long Beach; and Assistant Professor of English at Bucknell University. He holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago.

As we prepare to welcome Dr. Gilmore to OU, we also extend our gratitude to Dr. Michael Markham, who has led the Honors College as Interim Dean this past year.

With Dr. Gilmore at the helm, the Honors College is poised for an exciting future, and I look forward to seeing its continued impact and success.

Sincerely,

André-Denis G. Wright
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus