



**SPICER BELL NAMED
NEW FOUNDATION
PRESIDENT**

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FOUNDATION SELECTS BELL TO LEAD AS NEXT PRESIDENT

Former Eastern Shore school superintendent takes reins August 1st

(June 17, 2004)--- Spicer Bell, a former school superintendent and current executive director of a local nonprofit organization, was today named the next president of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, by unanimous vote of the Foundation's Board of Directors, according to Martin T. Neat, chairman.

Bell will replace David Michaud, who is resigning his position effective August 13, to pursue another career path. Bell's first day at the Foundation will be August 1.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Bell take the helm of the Community Foundation. He is currently the Executive Director of Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, where he engineered phenomenal growth and has put that organization on firm financial footing," Neat said.

Prior to his position with Junior Achievement, Bell served as the Superintendent of Schools for Dorchester County, distinguishing himself in ably managing one of the county's largest agencies, Neat added. Bell was named the "Maryland Superintendent of the Year in 1997" by the Public School Superintendent's Association of Maryland. He has a wealth of experience in the education field, and a number of years ago not only served on the Board of an Ohio community foundation, but is considered the driving force behind establishing that institution.

The new Community Foundation president's formal education includes: graduate of Cambridge High School; Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Administration – University of Maryland, College Park; Master of Education – Western Maryland College; Doctorate in Education – Virginia Tech University.

Bell brings with him years of management experience, knowledge and experience working in the nonprofit sector, financial expertise, and an understanding of the many products and services offered by community foundations. An Eastern Shore native, Bell knows this area very well. He resides in Salisbury, and is eager to meet individuals and organizations who work with the Community Foundation.

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