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Hawai'i's Largest Public Charter School Welcomes New School Leader

Waipahu, Oahu -- Hawaii Technology Academy (HTA), the state's largest public charter school, welcomes international school leader Mrs. Stacey Bobo, Ph.D., as its new Executive Director, effective July 8, 2019. Dr. Bobo comes to HTA after more than a decade as the Principal of Lyford Cay International School in Nassau, Bahamas.

Dr. Bobo's deep commitment to academic excellence, social-emotional learning, and cultural competency position her to lead HTA forward in its innovative and holistic approach to education. Her strong skill sets in strategic planning, finance, and school leadership meet the needs of HTA's present and future.

"On behalf of HTA's Governing Board, I am truly delighted to welcome Dr. Bobo into the HTA 'Ohana," says Wendy Marx-Cunitz, HTA Governing Board Chair. "After conducting an exhaustive international search with more than 100 applicants, we recognized that Dr. Bobo's extensive experience working with diverse populations in both public and private education made her the obvious choice to lead HTA."

Prior to her principalship at Lyford Cay International School, Dr. Bobo served as an Assistant Superintendent for Miami-Dade County Schools and worked as a Bilingual Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal in Los Angeles.

"I am both honored and privileged to have been chosen as the Executive Director of Hawaii Technology Academy," says Dr. Bobo. "I was confident this was the right fit from the first interview. I became even more convinced after meeting the students and parents. I am eager to matriculate back to the public sector and work with a dynamic leadership team to further advance diversity, equity, and inclusion."

Dr. Bobo holds a bachelor's degree in history at UCLA, a master's degree in bilingual and multicultural education from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

HTA is a tuition-free, WASC accredited public charter school, serving more than 1,200 students in campuses across four islands (Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu). A five-day-a-week program, HTA's blended learning model provides students with a combination of face-to-face instruction, virtual instruction, and independent learning each week.

Students at HTA gain technical skills used in the professional world. They also learn experientially through consistent field studies, and have the flexibility to develop desirable employability skills through work-based learning programs with community partners, enhancing college and career readiness. To learn more about HTA, visit www.myhta.org.

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