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Blevins gets a new job

NCI's 'first employee' will be leaving for a position on Virginia Tech-Carilion campus

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The search soon will begin for the fourth executive director for New College Institute.

Leanna Blevins, who has held that post since December 2016 and has been employed with NCI since its inception in 2004, will begin working for Virginia Tech on July 1.

Her last day at NCI will be June 30, she said.

Her new role will be assistant vice president for Health, Science and Technology Education of the Virginia Tech-Carilion campus and partnership that includes the Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine and the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, based in Roanoke, she said.

Her role would involve "overseeing the academic programs on the Roanoke campus and integrating undergraduate students to that campus within a year," she said.

Currently, only medical, master's level and doctoral students are on that campus.

"One of the things that attracted me to this opportunity is that at NCI I've gotten to design and build these programs and partnerships, so that's part of what I'll be doing there for Virginia Tech, too,"



BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

New College's building on Baldwin Street is shown.

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» Sammy Redd, NCI's student services coordinator, left May 1 for job at language college in Vermont. A6

Blevins said, "I really like that part of what I've been doing and really excited about the opportunity to do that there."

Leaving NCI would involve "a lot of tears, and is emotional," she said.

On the technical side of things, "I'm trying to make sure I'm handing off partnerships in our programs internally to people who will keep the momentum," she

said. "We have partnerships throughout the commonwealth," and she said she wants to make sure NCI's partnering institutions "know who they'll be working with moving forward, make sure current and future contracts are on track, make sure locally we're still listening to people and meeting our students' needs to help them complete their educational goals."

Blevins started at NCI before it even went by that name, in the summer of 2004 as a vice president for students and community development.

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Truck overturns, closing access to U.S. 58 West



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U.S. 58 West was closed until midafternoon Tuesday after a truck carrying shredded insulation overturned on U.S. 58 West at the merge ramp from U.S. 220, blocking access to the highway. No one was injured. Travis Pruitt, captain of Ridgeway Rescue Squad, said about 10:15 a.m. that U.S. 58 bypass westbound was closed for about 45 minutes, then one lane was reopened. Pruitt said the ramp from U.S. 220 was closed. Virginia State Police dispatch said the road had reopened about 3 p.m. Sgt. Rick Garlett of the Virginia State Police said the accident was reported at 8:25 a.m. Thompson Trucking, which owns the truck, made arrangements to clear the road and pick up the truck.

Northam demands action on firearms

Governor to call lawmakers back to Capitol for special session in wake of shooting

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced Tuesday he will summon lawmakers back to the state Capitol this summer to take up a package of gun-control legislation, saying last week's mass shooting in Virginia Beach calls for "votes and laws, not thoughts and prayers."



Northam

Northam, a Democrat faced with a gun-friendly, Republican-controlled General Assembly in the middle of a legislative election year, also said he wants every lawmaker to go on record for or against his proposals during the special session, rather than avoid tough votes by quietly killing the bills in subcommittee.

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Stanley and Adams say will consider gun options

Legislators representing the area respond to Northam's call to hold special session

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Only two of the four state legislators representing this area Henry and Patrick counties responded to questions Tuesday about Gov. Ralph Northam's plan to call a special session of the General Assembly to address gun violence in Virginia.



Stanley

The governor's call came in the aftermath of Friday's mass shooting in Virginia Beach in which DeWayne Craddock, a Virginia Beach employee, used two semi-automatic handguns, a silencer and extended ammunition magazines to slaughter 12 people at a municipal building. Craddock then was killed in a gun battle with police.

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