

Robert Miller: Leadership at Callier changing

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Dr. **Thomas Campbell** will become the executive director of the **Callier Center for Communication Disorders** on Sunday.

He succeeds veteran director Dr. **Ross J. Roeser**.

Dr. Campbell is currently director of the Department of Audiology and Communication Disorders at **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh** and a professor in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders at the **University of Pittsburgh**.

Dr. Roeser has worked at the center, a unit of the **School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences** at the **University of Texas at Dallas**, for more than 35 years. He's been its executive director since 1988.

"We have achieved great success since opening the Callier Center in the early 1960s," Dr. Roeser said.

"I am particularly proud of the strides we have made in recent years in such areas as audiology, where we are ranked among the top five programs in the United States, and I look forward to seeing the center continue its rise to national prominence under Tom's leadership.

Dr. Roeser, who received the Larry Mauldin Award for Excellence in Education last year, will serve as director emeritus of the center and professor of communication sciences at the university.

He will also continue as editor in chief of the *International Journal of Audiology*, a publication about the science of hearing and hearing defects and their treatment.

Dr. **Bert Moore**, dean of UTD's School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, praised Dr. Roeser's leadership and accomplishments. He said he expects Dr. Campbell to provide a seamless transition.

Callier has three strategic goals:

- Promoting awareness of its programs.

- Refurbishing and expanding the center's facilities.
- Funding endowed chairs and professorships.

A certified speech-language pathologist, Dr. Campbell has focused his research on understanding the environmental, physiological and behavioral markers that lead to speech and language disorders in children.

In recent years, he has studied the genetic and physiological processes associated with childhood motor speech disorders.

He holds a doctorate in communicative disorders from the **University of Wisconsin**.

"An important aspect of my vision for Callier is to continue to develop the center into a world-class facility for clinical service delivery for both children and adults with hearing and communication disorders," Dr. Campbell said.

Dr. Campbell's wife, Dr. **Christine Dollaghan**, will also join the Behavioral and Brain Sciences faculty at UTD.

She had been a professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research interests include child language development and language disorders, biologic and socio-demographic influences on speech and language development, and diagnosis and intervention in communication disorders.

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