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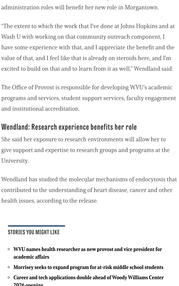

This is a Jan. 14, 2020 contributed photo of Beverly Wendland, who, on Jan. 9, 2026, was named West Virginia University's provost and vice president of academic affairs.
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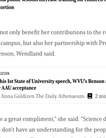
Long-time academic scholar and higher education administrator Beverly Wendland was named provost and vice president for academic affairs on Thursday after a nationwide search following her tenure as senior advisor to the chancellor at Washington University.

Wendland most recently held the position of provost and executive vice chancellor at Washington University and previously served as the James B. Knapp Dean of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, according to a WVU news release.

"When I really dug into what the real strengths are of this university, my mind was blown, and I think that there is a lot of opportunity for more people to be more aware of the incredible assets and strengths of this university. I'm very excited to help proclaim those strengths and build them," Wendland said in an interview with the media on Thursday at Stewart Hall on the Morgantown campus.



Wendland said her experience in other higher education administration roles will benefit her new role in Morgantown.

"The extent to which the work that I've done at Johns Hopkins and at Wash U with working on that community outreach component, I have some experience with that, and I appreciate the benefit and the value of that, and I feel like that is already on steroids here, and I'm excited to build on that and to learn from it as well," Wendland said.

The Office of Provost is responsible for developing WVU's academic programs and services, student support services, faculty engagement and institutional accreditation.

Wendland: Research experience benefits her role

She said her exposure to research environments will allow her to give support and expertise to research groups and programs at the University.

Wendland has studied the molecular mechanisms of endocytosis that contributed to the understanding of heart disease, cancer and other health issues, according to the release.

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This skill will not only benefit her contributions to the research happening on campus, but also her partnership with President [Michael T.] Benson, Wendland said.

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"It's going to be a great complement," she said. "Science doesn't mean anything if we don't have an understanding for the people [on which] the science is being done. The people on whose behalf the discoveries are being made [is] nowhere if we don't understand what the people that would be benefiting from those discoveries actually want and need," she said.

Wendland hopes to connect with the campus community in her new role.

"From the very beginning of my engagement with the search is the depth of pride and commitment and passion that this community and the entire state has for WVU, and that is super appealing and super exciting. So I just want to — first of all — just get out there and meet people and hear more of those stories about why it is so important to you, and how can we further strengthen those elements of the university that resonate with people," Wendland said.

Wendland's background, and what's next

Wendland, a California native, is a first-generation college graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in bioengineering from the University of California, San Diego, and a doctoral degree in neuroscienceo from Stanford University. View her executive profile at bit.ly/WendlandFacuProfile.

She and her husband Michael McCaffery have two rescue dogs, Lucy and Maggie.

Wendland will spend the first half of the calendar year engaging with students, faculty, staff and the community before officially starting her full-time role as provost and vice president for academic affairs on July 1, according to the WVU news release.

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