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### **FedEx Express Senior VP to Speak at MSCC Graduation on May 9**

Gregory Hall, Senior Vice President of Technical Operations for Memphis-based FedEx Express, will present the keynote address at Mid-South Community College's historic graduation on Thursday, May 9.



MSCC commencement exercises, featuring the College's largest graduating class in the institution's history, will begin at 7 p.m. at the West Memphis High School Lehr Arena. The graduation ceremony is open to the public, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Greg Hall is a great friend of our institution," said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President. "He has helped us make a lot of things happen that are in the best interest of FedEx as well as our College and our community."

"Greg 'gets it,' and he understands the role that places like ours need to play in the growth of FedEx. We're honored to have him as part of our Mid-South Community College family, and we're very honored to have a growing relationship with FedEx. We believe the collaboration between FedEx and Mid-South Community College is a great example to the rest of the country."

FedEx helped MSCC establish an Aviation Maintenance Technology program by, among other things, creating an internship program, donating equipment, and giving the

college a Boeing 727 jetliner that is now located just off the Mid-South campus at the West Memphis Municipal Airport.

“None of this would have ever occurred without the direction and vision of Greg Hall,” Dr. Fenter said. “If not for his persistence and commitment to this program, we wouldn’t be where we are today.”

As a senior vice president at FedEx, Hall is responsible for the fleet’s technical operations including line, base and propulsion maintenance, engineering, and material management, areas that are critical to the safe, reliable return of aircraft to the system.

Prior to FedEx, he served as Senior Vice President of Maintenance & Engineering at United Airlines, where he was responsible for implementing “continual improvement” or “lean manufacturing changes” to increase revenue, lower costs and further enhance safety and reliability.

Before his stint with United, Hall served in several management capacities at American Airlines including Vice President of Line Maintenance and Vice President of Tulsa Heavy Maintenance Base.

A seven-year employee at FedEx, Hall comes from a family with aerospace roots. His father served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and later flew for commercially for Eastern Airlines. Hall’s brother and sister also became pilots, but his path to success in the industry came via a different route.

After getting sick during his first flight in his father’s small plane, Hall received encouragement to learn the maintenance side of the industry. His father decided he wasn’t pilot material, put a tool box in his hand, and sent him to St. Louis University’s Parks College to get his airframe and powerplant license.

Upon earning the certification, Hall said he left college, ran out of money, and joined the Army. When he completed his service to his country, Hall completed a four-year degree in Aeronautics/Aircraft Maintenance Management at Parks College and went to work for People Express Airlines. He later landed a job at Eastern Airlines, and then went to American where he worked more than a decade.

The 52-year-old former Tulsa, Okla., resident is married with two children.

More than 300 Mid-South Community College students, including several who will receive multiple degrees and/or certificates, will be recognized on Thursday. An additional 21 students will receive bachelor’s degrees from MSCC University Center partners Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, the University of

Arkansas at Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, and the University of Central Arkansas during the local ceremony.

MSCC will also recognize more than 80 students who have earned a General Education Diploma® over the past year.