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### **North Piedmont Correctional Center has new superintendent**



LEXINGTON — Linwood Best is the new superintendent of North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women, a facility that houses approximately 135 minimum custody female inmates and has 46 officers and other staff.

Best had been assistant superintendent at North Piedmont Correctional since 2009. He succeeds Benita Witherspoon, who was promoted to superintendent at Forsyth Correctional Center.

Beginning as a correctional officer at the now-closed Guilford Correctional Center, he rose through the ranks to assistant superintendent in 2003. He transferred to the North Piedmont facility when Guilford Correctional was closed in 2009.

Best, native of Goldsboro and graduate of Eastern Wayne High School, has a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in management from N.C. A&T State University. He is also a graduate of the Department of Correction's professional leadership development program.

His wife, Elaine, is food service manager at Dan River Prison Work Farm. They have a daughter, Raven, age 18.

Best enjoys reading, working in his yard and umpiring youth and adult softball.

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