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*Tigerville, SC (May 9, 2019)* Long-time non-profit leader Lamont Sullivan, a 1998 North Greenville University graduate, is returning to his alma mater as Director of Alumni Engagement, NGU

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President Dr. Gene C. Fantoni announced.

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Sullivan, a Greenville native, currently is CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Upstate. He will join the administrative team at the South Carolina Baptist university on June 1.

"Lamont Sullivan is as respected a leader in the Greenville region as there is. His approach to humble servant-leadership has made an impact everywhere he has worked," Dr. Fant said.

"We've been incredibly proud of him as an alum and we are thrilled that he is joining us in this critical role, connecting our alumni community around the nation with their alma mater."

Sullivan has worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate since 2003, filling varied roles before moving to the chief executive role in May 2015. He has provided leadership for the one-on-one mentoring organization which serves a six-county region. NGU officials see his BBBS experience as critical to his new position.

"Lamont's proven work in strategic planning, coordinating volunteer involvement, and developing program funding will all contribute to his role," said Marty O'Gwynn, NGU vice president for advancement and university engagement.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to return to North Greenville University. This institution means so much to me," Sullivan said. "As an undergraduate student, I was just excited to have the opportunity to fulfill a life-long dream of playing collegiate football. However, I quickly found out that God would use North Greenville to transform me in so many ways."

A graduate of Travelers Rest High School, Sullivan was active in collegiate ministry and played football at North Greenville. He completed a bachelor of arts degree with interdisciplinary studies in education, English, and Christian ministry. He completed a master of ministry degree from NGU's T. Walter Brashier Graduate School in 2013. He currently serves as a member of the NGU Alumni Association Board of Directors and has been instrumental in the creation of the NGU Black Alumni Association.

"The Lord has blessed with me a platform to represent North Greenville in various nonprofits and business ventures. I'm excited to join our outstanding development team and share my experiences to help our university grow its reach with alumni," Sullivan said.

Sullivan currently serves as a board member for New Life Ministries, and the United Way of Greenville African American Leadership. He is a graduate of Leadership Greenville Class 41. He has filled varied roles in local churches, including currently serving as associate minister, men's ministry leader, and Sunday School teacher at Rock of Ages Baptist Church.

Sullivan and his wife, Shonette, have four children. They reside in Simpsonville.

In the NGU Advancement and University Engagement Office, Julie Styles, formerly director of

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alumni engagement and development, has moved to the position of director of resource development and planned gifts.  
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"As we look toward the university's future, we are dedicating greater focus to planned gifts and to addressing some special opportunities. Having an experienced advancement leader coordinating these efforts is critical to supporting our mission," O'Gwynn said.

Founded in 1892 in northern Greenville County, NGU has grown over its 126-year history to an institution offering undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees. The university's 2018-19 enrollment was more than 2,600, and the institution has more than 14,000 alumni.

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