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## ***Seabury CEO to Retire; Successor Announced***

Richard C. Heath is retiring after seven years as CEO, and current Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Renée J. Bernasconi, will take the position effective June 1, 2019.

**BLOOMFIELD – May 21, 2019** - Seabury announced that Richard C. Heath, current President and Chief Executive Officer, has decided to retire from the organization after seven successful years. Going forward, he intends to enjoy his new home in Florida, with his wife and work on a consultant basis in the senior living field.

His successor as President & Chief Executive Officer as of June 1, 2019, will be Renée J. Bernasconi, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Seabury. Richard Heath will remain with Seabury until the end of May and will then be available to Bernasconi in an advisory capacity until the end of 2019.

Gale Mattison, Chairman of Seabury's Board of Directors, said, "On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Richard for his noteworthy contribution to Seabury over the last seven years. Under his leadership, Seabury completed a three-year \$75 million Campus Repositioning Project, making it the leader in our market today. I wish Richard all the best for the future and congratulate Renée Bernasconi

on her appointment. Seabury has employed Renée for more than 22 years, and her performance has significantly contributed to the organization's growth and tremendous success. The Seabury Board of Directors is honored by Mrs. Bernasconi's acceptance and have great confidence in her ability to guide our organization into the future. Renée has played an enormous role in Seabury's success over the years and her role as Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, in particular. Seabury's three-year, \$75 million Campus Repositioning Project was successfully overseen by Renée, under the direction of the current President and CEO. Furthermore, she was not only instrumental in the development of Seabury At Home, but she also has directed the remarkable evolution and success of Seabury At Home Incorporated. This experience has prepared her very well for her new role as President & Chief Executive Officer."

Richard Heath, President & Chief Executive Officer, said, "I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors, my Connecticut colleagues, Seabury Residents and Members, and the Seabury Staff for their valued contributions to this incredible organization and its long-standing success! It was an honor and a privilege to work with all of them. I wish my successor and colleague, Renée Bernasconi, every success in her new role."

"I am very proud and honored to have been chosen as the new President & CEO of Seabury," stated Renée Bernasconi, incoming President & Chief Executive Officer. "I have benefited from the mentorship Richard Heath has provided to me over the years and enjoyed playing a key role in shaping Seabury's development into the leadership position it enjoys today. As Seabury's next CEO, I am committed to building on our community's strong foundation and ensure its future success."

To learn more, please call Christine DuPont, Vice President of Marketing & Communications at 860-243-6081 or visit [www.seaburylife.org](http://www.seaburylife.org).

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