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ACCSC Commissioner 2018 Election Results and Appointments

ACCSC is pleased to announce the results of the 2018 School Commissioner Election and Appointment Cycle.

School Commissioner Election

Please join the Accrediting Commission in congratulating **Nathan Clark**, President and Chief Executive Officer of **Career College of Northern Nevada** in Sparks, Nevada on his election by the ACCSC Membership to a four year term as a School Commissioner.

A graduate from a career college himself, Nate Clark has spent the greater part of the last 30 years working in career and technical education at Career College of Northern Nevada (CCNN) in Sparks, Nevada, which has been accredited with ACCSC since 1989. Since 2012, Nate has served as President and CEO of CCNN, where he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the college. Nate also serves as Vice Chair of the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education, which is charged with ensuring private colleges in Nevada serve the needs of students in the state. Nate is a strong advocate of accreditation and believes in the importance of peer-review having volunteered for ACCSC as a Team Leader, a role that supports the Commission through the management of the on-site evaluation process, since 1998.

The Accrediting Commission extends its sincere appreciation to all of the School Commissioner candidates and to the accredited members for their active participation in this year's election.

School Commissioner Appointment

Additionally, as part of the School Commissioner Appointment process, the Commission interviewed several outstanding candidates to fill one (1) Appointed School Commissioner vacancy and voted to appoint **Jennifer Bergeron**, Campus President at **NASCAR Technical Institute** to a four year term.

For over 15 years, Jennifer Bergeron has worked tirelessly in pursuit of providing a student-centered culture that focuses on quality education and student achievement at NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville, North Carolina, which is the exclusive educational provider for NASCAR. NASCAR Technical Institute has been accredited by ACCSC since 2001, and since 2010, Jennifer has served as Campus President, where she is responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction for the campus. In addition to volunteering as a Team Leader since 2014, a role that supports the Commission through the management of the on-site evaluation process, Jennifer serves on the North Carolina Association of Career Schools and Colleges as the Secretary and Treasurer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont.

Public Commissioner Appointment

At the February 2018 meeting, the Accrediting Commission interviewed several outstanding candidates to fill one (1) Public Commissioner vacancy and voted to appoint **Joanne Wenzel**, Bureau Chief (Retired) – California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Schools, to a four year term as a Public Commissioner.

For the last 19 years, Joanne Wenzel worked in various capacities for the California State oversight agency for private postsecondary schools in California, most recently serving as the Bureau Chief, California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Schools, a position from which she retired in 2017. Before moving into to the regulatory and compliance side of education, Joanne worked directly with students daily at the campus level with a focus on student affairs, career development, and financial aid advising. A former community college instructor, Joanne has also work with the University of California and Arizona State University in a diverse number of roles. Joanne holds a Masters of Education in Higher Education from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona and Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from California State University in Fresno, California.

The Accrediting Commission and the nominating Committee would like to thank all of the candidates for Commissioner for their interest in supporting ACCSC and its mission.

The Accrediting Commission and staff are excited to begin working with the new Commissioners as they prepare to begin their new 4-year terms set to begin on July 1, 2018.

About ACCSC

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the designated institutional accrediting body for over 700 post-secondary, trade and technical schools that provide education to over 150,000 students in a wide variety of vocational programs each year. 2017 marked 50 years of continuous recognition for ACCSC, including earning, in 2011 & 2016, consecutive five-year recognition grants from the U.S. Department of Education. Today, ACCSC remains committed to helping enhance the student educational experience through quality assurance, supporting workforce development, and bridging the growing skills gap in the United States.

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