

NJC names new president

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Jay Lee, currently vice-president for Instruction at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has been appointed president of Northeastern Junior College (NJC) in Sterling by Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS).

Lee will assume the presidency on March 12. Scott Stump has been serving as the interim president while the search was conducted. He will return to his responsibilities of assistant provost for career and technical education at CCCS on March 12. Stump was appointed as interim president when Dr. Lance Bolton was appointed as president of Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs.

"I am very pleased that Lee has accepted the presidency of Northeastern Junior College," McCallin said. "Jay Lee's background in community college leadership, the comments from the college and community and my time with him make me confident that he will be a strong, effective leader for Northeastern Junior College. We are all looking forward to working with him and welcome him to the system and college."

"I also want to thank Scott Stump for his leadership during the search process," said McCallin. "Scott Stump's familiarity with the system, the college and NJC made him invaluable in his role as interim president at NJC during the search. We have missed him at the system and are glad to have him returning to his position here."

"I'm honored to have been chosen to be the next president at Northeastern Junior College," said Lee. "I greatly appreciate the faith placed in me by the Colorado Community College System, Dr. McCallin, the employees of NJC and the citizens of Sterling. I look forward to joining a great team of faculty, staff and administrators who share my devotion to student service and success. My wife, Terri, and I are also anxious to join the Sterling community."

Lee was one of four finalists sent to Dr. McCallin after numerous community forums, interviews, tours and receptions in Sterling.

In his capacity as vice-president for Instruction at North Idaho College, he is responsible for managing a \$20 million budget and overseeing all instructional activities and is accreditation

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liaison for the college. Prior to this position, he was dean of career and technical education at Rochester Community and Technical College in Rochester, Minn. He is currently a member of the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and served in the United States Air Force.

Lee received his Juris Doctor at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and his bachelor of arts in Criminal Justice at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn.

The Colorado Community College System comprises the state's largest system of higher education serving more than 162,000 students annually. It oversees career and academic programs in the 13-state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and six other post-secondary institutions.

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