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EASTERN IDAHO TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. STEVE ALBISTON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

STATE BOARD APPOINTS DR. RICK AMAN INTERIM PRESIDENT

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education announced today that Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) President Dr. Steve Albiston is retiring, effective June 30, 2015. The Board has appointed Dr. Rick Aman as Interim President of EITC, effective July 1, 2015.

Albiston's tenure at EITC spans nearly 34 years, including the last three and one-half as President. He worked in student affairs for 29 years, first as a Vocational Counselor, followed by Student Services Coordinator, Student Services Manager, and Dean of Students. He was the Vice President of Instruction and Student Affairs for a year and one-half, and has been President of the college since January 2012. He holds a B.S. in Psychology, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Adult Education from the University of Idaho.

"Professional-technical education has evolved tremendously during Steve's career at EITC. In that time, he has been a resource to students and a leader for the both the college and the state in providing high quality post-secondary professional-technical education that meets industry needs," said Emma Atchley, President of the Idaho State Board of Education.

Albiston has had many accomplishments as President of EITC. Most recently, he oversaw a collaboration with the University of Idaho (U of I) to establish the new Manufacturing & Robotics Teaching Lab on EITC's campus. The joint effort between EITC and U of I provides up-to-date education to EITC and U of I students in technology-based advanced manufacturing. The new EITC associate degree program begins fall semester 2015.

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In 2014, he directed the transition of the Fire Service Training program to EITC. The program provides professional training to over 7,000 firefighters and 240 fire departments from across the state, and was recently awarded accreditation from the Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

President Albiston stated, “I have been fortunate to spend nearly 34 years at EITC. It has been a privilege working with a terrific group of people who are focused on providing a positive learning experience for students.”

Dr. Rick Aman will be the Interim President at EITC upon Albiston’s retirement. Aman, a retired community college administrator and instructor was the Interim Vice President for Student Service at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. Prior to that position, he was the Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at the College of Western Idaho (CWI). Aman was with CWI from its inception in 2008 through 2012.

The Board has not yet announced plans for selecting a new president.

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