

STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 22-12-55

A resolution relating to congratulating Dr. Jim Richardson on his retirement after 17 years of service as president of Wenatchee Valley College.

WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson is retiring after 17 years of service as president of Wenatchee Valley College, the longest serving president in the college's history;

WHEREAS, The son of a college president, a young Jim Richardson took to heart stories told by his father and faculty members about their passion for changing the lives of students and making a difference in their communities, in turn starting a career in education that would last 45 years;

WHEREAS, In a career that took him to Skagit Valley College as a speech professor, where the student government voted him Teacher of the Year, to Beijing Foreign Studies University in China as an exchange professor, to Daejeon Junior College in South Korea as an academic coordinator teaching speech, English, and American Culture, to Chippewa Valley Technical College in Wisconsin as a communication skills professor;

WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson moved into higher education administration at Gateway Technical College in Wisconsin as a dean of general education and academic development, Northeast Iowa Community College as provost for student and academic affairs, American Association of Community Colleges as a college readiness commissioner, and president of Southeastern Community College in Iowa;

WHEREAS, Since taking the helm at Wenatchee Valley College in 2005, Dr. Richardson oversaw the launch of new degrees and programs, initiatives supporting historically underserved students and communities, and the completion of multiple capital projects, while volunteering his time with organizations like the North Central Washington Workforce Development Board, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, Wenatchee Sunrise Rotary, and the Numerica Performing Arts Center;

WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson dedicated his life to making a difference in the lives of others, finding inspiration daily in his work with administrators, faculty, staff, and students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges hereby congratulates Dr. Jim Richardson for his years of service to thousands of students around the world and many communities. The State Board offers its congratulations and best wishes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on December 8, 2022.

Attest



Paul Francis, secretary



Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, chair