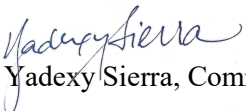




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From:  Yadexy Sierra, Commission Chair

Date: May 4, 2021

RE: ACCET Announces Christopher Lambert as new Executive Director

The Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET is pleased to formally announce that Christopher Lambert has been appointed as the agency's new Executive Director starting on May 17, 2021. Interim Executive Director Judy Hendrickson recently announced her retirement after a long career serving ACCET and the proprietary school industry. Judy's retirement will take effect on June 4, 2021. As she completes her leadership role with ACCET over the coming weeks, she has graciously committed to assisting with the transition. Most recently in her tenure with ACCET, she successfully guided the agency through a global pandemic, it's first ever virtual conference, and virtual accreditation visits. She has also successfully seen the agency through two recognitions with the US Department of Education with maximum 5-year grants.

John Shaheen and Dr. Mary Clare DiGiacomo have separately announced their retirements. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all they have done for ACCET and member institutions over the years. They will be missed, and we wish them the very best. The Commission would also like to express its thanks to the ACCET staff for their continual care for the organization. Their work makes a difference in the operations of hundreds of member institutions, and directly impact the lives of thousands of institutional staff and instructional personnel, and tens of thousands of students.

Christopher Lambert comes to ACCET with considerable accreditation experience, having served in various leadership roles at ACCSC, most recently as its Associate Executive Director. He has a strong knowledge of the accreditation process and the regulatory environment for proprietary schools. His credentials and experience will allow him to work with the Commission to guide ACCET towards sustainable growth and to face the challenges in the future. The Commission and staff are committed to a smooth transition to ensure that members will continue to be well served during the transition period and beyond.

ACCET is truly *A Partnership for Quality*® that seeks to inspire sound education and training practices through a rigorous peer-review process. When such a process is matched by an institution's commitment to high standards and accountability, a partnership for quality becomes reality. Please join the Commissioners and staff members in welcoming Christopher Lambert to the ACCET family.

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