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Rogue Community College Announces New Dean of School of Workforce and College Preparation



Teresa Rivenes, Ph.D.

GRANTS PASS, Ore.--A new dean for Instructional Services, Teresa Rivenes, was hired to head the School of Workforce and College Preparation and started work on July 1. Rivenes is replacing Linda Renfro, who retired on June 30, after a 26-year career at RCC.

“We are very pleased to have a person with Dr. Rivenes’ skills and talents join RCC,” said RCC President Peter Angstadt. “She will add great value to our ability to provide quality education for our students.”

“I am extremely excited about coming to RCC,” said Rivenes. And I look forward to working with great people and being in a place where we can help students reach their academic goals. There is a strong foundation already in place at RCC, and I look forward to carrying on the good work of those that came before me.”

Rivenes has been the director of Outreach, Community Enrichment and Lifelong Education at Great Falls College (GFC), Montana State University (MSU) for the past year. She has also served as GFC’s director of Academic Success, and has been a director for academics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical and Park University. She has taught humanities, ethics, sociology and psychology.

Rivenes began her career in family support services and later in children’s disability services. She has nearly completed a doctorate in education from MSU where she has researched performance-based funding, student success, and best practices for retention.

Rivenes has a Master of Science and a Ph.D. from Capella University in psychology. She also holds a Master of Science from Utah State University in social science. Her undergraduate degree is in psychology/sociology from Weber State University.



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Vice President of Instructional Services, Kirk Gibson, said, "Teresa brings that great combination of a fun, energetic personal-ity and extensive college work experience in both instruction and student services. She's going to be an excellent addition to our team."

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