



## **Retirement of Wikstrom**

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### ***Statement by the Northwest Career Colleges Federation***

#### **Subject: Wikstrom Steps Down after 28 years**

The Northwest Career Colleges Federation (NWCCF) Board of Directors announced that Gena Wikstrom has stepped down from the role of Executive Director effective August 1, 2016. Wikstrom had been serving as the Executive Director since November 1988.

After 28 years of loyal service to the NWCCF, Ms. Wikstrom will now serve as historical advisor to the Board of Directors. The day to day management of the association transfers to the Board and state-level administrators while the Board commences a search for Wikstrom's replacement.

Wikstrom transformed the NWCCF from a membership of eight schools to a highly regarded association that has served hundreds of schools with a strong voice for career colleges in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. "The accomplishments, recognitions and successes for membership under Wikstrom's leadership are too great in number to list. We share Gena's pride of the NWCCF's service to its membership and thank her for dedicated leadership the last 28 years," said Dion McNeeley, President of the NWCCF Board of Directors.

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#### **About NWCCF**

*Founded in 1969 as the Washington Federation of Private Vocational Schools, the association expanded member services to schools in Oregon and Idaho in 2006 and became the Northwest Career Colleges Federation. NWCCF is the largest trade association in the Northwest dedicated to advocacy for private career schools and colleges and the students they serve.*