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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Andreana Campbell, Management Analyst

Date: April 13, 2021

Subject: STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS FROM CASCADIA COLLEGE PRESIDENT
DR. ERIC MURRAY

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council should receive a state of the college address from Cascadia College President Dr. Eric Murray (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Established in 2000, Cascadia College is a 128-acre community college located in Bothell, Washington on a shared campus with the University of Washington Bothell. The college was built to serve the cities of Bothell, Woodinville, Kirkland, Kenmore, Duvall, Carnation, Sammamish, Redmond and other smaller communities within the greater Seattle area.

Dr. Eric Murray has served as the President of Cascadia College since 2010 and grown student enrollment by 17%. He has also developed a new strategic plan and 20-year campus Master Plan for the development of its facilities.

For more information on Cascadia College, visit their website here: <http://www.cascadia.edu/>

Attachments: Attachment A - Biography



Dr. Murray comes to Cascadia as an experienced administrator and teacher in higher education. He has served students since 1992 when he began his first position at UCLA in residential housing. From UCLA, he went on to the University of Montana-Western as the Dean of Student Affairs, and then to North Idaho College where he served as Vice President of Student Services.

His educational background includes bachelor's degrees in Germanic Languages and Psychology, as well as master's and doctoral degrees in Psychology, all from UCLA. In addition to serving students outside the classroom, Dr. Murray has taught psychology and special education courses to students at each institution where he has worked.

Dr. Murray's desire to provide leadership at each of these institutions has motivated him to become an expert in college accreditation processes, strategic planning, staff management, crisis management, and student development. He has been a trainer for law enforcement, large corporations, and multiple universities and colleges.

Since 2010, under Dr. Murray's leadership, Cascadia's student enrollment has grown by 17%, the campus has developed a new strategic plan, and the campus has a new 20-year Master Plan for the development of its facilities.

Dr. Murray has led the region in developing biotech partnerships with industry and forging pathways for students to the University of Washington.

Dr. Murray has twice been the chair of the state's capital committee for Community and Technical Colleges and currently serves as the president-elect of the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges, a group comprised of the 34 college presidents across Washington.

As well, Dr. Murray serves on the boards of the Bothell Chamber and One Redmond.