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Barrans to Retire as Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Executive Director

Juneau—Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) Chair Becky Huggins has announced that Diane Barrans will retire effective June 1, 2016. Barrans has served as the executive director and executive officer of the Commission and Alaska Student Loan Corporation, respectively, for 20 years and prior to that served the state's higher education assistance agency in a variety of positions since 1983.

Earlier this month, at its April 5th meeting, Commission members unanimously expressed their appreciation for Barrans' leadership of Commission staff and her service to Alaska as demonstrating "the highest qualities of public service, faithful stewardship, commitment to students and the value of higher education."

"Diane has wholeheartedly dedicated her professional career in service to the Commission's mission of providing Alaskans with access to and success in education and career training," Chair Huggins said. "While we will certainly miss her invaluable service, we wish her all the best in her retirement."

"I am extremely blessed to have worked for over three decades with colleagues at ACPE whose commitment and talents are second-to-none as together we delivered programs and services to improve the lives and careers of Alaskans across our great state," Barrans said.

A recruitment for the executive director position is currently underway. During the interim, Stephanie Butler, the current Director of Operations for ACPE, will serve as Acting Executive Director.

About the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE): The Commission is a 14-member body, the majority of whom are appointed by the governor, with representation from various Alaska higher education constituency groups. Established in 1974, ACPE promotes, supports, and provides access to and success in postsecondary education for Alaskans and in Alaska, through outreach and early awareness, student financial aid, program integrity, and consumer protection programs and services.

About the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC): ASLC is a public corporation and instrumentality of the State of Alaska, which funds the state education loan programs and administration of Commission functions with tax-exempt bond proceeds and corporation receipts. The Corporation is governed by a five-member board of directors appointed by the governor.

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