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Dr. Jan Lindsay to become next North Island College President

On behalf of the North Island College Board of Governors, Board Chair Chris Gibson is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jan Lindsay as the college's fourth President.

"The North Island College Board of Governors undertook an inclusive, yet comprehensive, approach to our search for a new President. As a result we received over 80 applications from all over the world," Ms. Gibson said. "We needed a strong leader with a passion for post-secondary education to build on our successes and innovative approach to serving the residents of our diverse region, and we found that person in Dr. Lindsay."

"Dr. Lindsay brings a number of unique attributes to her new role. She has had many years of experience within the BC post secondary system, the majority at a smaller, rural college, similar to NIC. She believes in a collaborative approach to leadership and has a strong reputation for her ability to build and nurture positive and respectful relationships," added Gibson. "She is also an 'out-of-the-box thinker,' which is essential for our continued growth."

Dr. Lindsay is currently the Vice President of Education at Douglas College. Under her leadership, Douglas College experienced the largest expansion of its programming since the college's inception. Twenty-five new credential programs were developed, including six degrees, three partnership degrees, as well as numerous certificates, diplomas and post degree diplomas, many of them unique in the province.



Dr. Jan Lindsay

Dr. Lindsay has worked in the BC post-secondary system since 1977, serving as Dean, Child, Family and Community Studies at Douglas College prior to her current appointment. Previous to this, she served as Department Head of the Human Services Department, and Adult Special Education Coordinator, both at Selkirk College. She has also been an instructor in Human Services, Developmental Studies, Hospitality and Tourism, and Therapeutic Recreation.

"I am very excited to be appointed North Island's new President. North Island College has a strong reputation for quality programs and dedication to student success," Dr. Lindsay said. "I'm looking forward to working with the College Board, students, staff and faculty to serve the post-secondary education needs of people living in the North Island and Central Coast region. I see tremendous potential for building community, industry and education partnerships that will expand educational pathways for students, and will strengthen the role the College plays in supporting the socio-economic development of the region."

"The multiple campuses and centres that make up North Island College remind me of Selkirk College, where I worked for many years. I am looking forward to getting back to my roots of working in a multi-campus, rural college environment," she added. "My husband and I are also looking forward to living in the college region and enjoying the many outdoor and cultural activities available."

Dr. Lindsay will become the President of North Island College on September 1, succeeding current President Dr. Lou Dryden who is retiring after 12 years at the College.

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