

NEWS RELEASE

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DETC Announces Candidates for Election to Nominating Committee

On September 5, 2014, DETC issued a news release that announced a Business Meeting would take place on Monday, October 6, 2014 at The Driskill Hotel in Austin, TX. At this meeting, DETC will provide information on nominating procedures the Board of Directors is developing to identify qualified candidates for election to the Board of the Directors. On September 5, 2014, DETC invited nominations to fill one vacant position on the Nominating Committee. The Committee is responsible for the screening of nominees and selection of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. We are pleased to announce that two individuals have been nominated as candidates to the Nominating Committee:

Dr. Paul Eidson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Apollos University

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo
Chief Operating Officer and Chief Academic Officer
California Intercontinental University

The DETC will open electronic voting for the Nominating Committee election at the Business Meeting on October 6, 2014. Electronic voting will remain available until 5:00 PM eastern time on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Instructions for electronic voting will be distributed to all DETC-accredited institutions via email on October 1, 2014. Each DETC-accredited institution is entitled to one vote. DETC will announce the results following the Accreditation Workshop.

Dr. Matthews, DETC's Executive Director, encourages members to participate in the voting process whether or not they are able attend the Business Meeting. "Constituting the Nominating Committee is an important first step in assuring candidates for election to the DETC Board of Directors possess the breadth and depth of experience needed for effective leadership and governance of our organization," Matthews said.

Background information for the candidates for the Nominating Committee is provided on the following page. The candidate elected to the nominating committee will join existing members David W. Curd, President, Harrison Middleton University; Paul McDonald, President, American Graduate University; and Dawn Turco, Senior Vice President, Hadley School for the Blind.

ABOUT DETC

The Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DETC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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DETC Nominating Committee Candidate Biographies

Dr. Paul Eidson

Dr. Paul Eidson, a native of South Carolina, is the President and CEO of Apollos University. He is one of the founders of Apollos and has served in various roles since 2004. Dr. Eidson earned his BS degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University, his MBA from Western New England College, and his Ph.D. from Capella University. His background includes 23 years in the United States Air Force and as a Foreign Military Sales program officer. Dr. Eidson was also a director of Subcontracts for the International Space Station program working for Boeing under its NASA contract. Dr. Eidson is an author, lecturer, and motivational speaker. He has actively designed academic programs as well as taught college level classes for over 20 years. He has extensive experience in teaching in the traditional model as well as in the virtual distance education model. Dr. Eidson is active in professional organizations and has served in leadership roles such as the National Director and Chapter President of the National Contract Management Association. Dr. Eidson is a Certified Purchasing Manager (CPM) through the National Association of Purchasing Management, Inc. His awards include Sigma Beta Delta Membership, Air Force Accommodation Award, National Management Association Manager of the Year Award (Chapter 284), and Finalist for the Air Force Association Abrahamson Award. Dr. Eidson has served on numerous DETC evaluation teams and is a member of the Research and Educational Standards Subcommittee and the Business Standards Subcommittee.

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo is currently the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Academic Officer of the California Intercontinental University in Diamond Bar, CA. Dr. Gargiulo was the Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President of Product Development for Ashworth College from 2010 to 2014. She also served as the Academic Dean at Allied American University from 2008 to 2010 where she implemented academic strategic plans to create and launch the AAU 100% online university. She has numerous academic publications and has given many presentations, most recently: "Maintaining Quality Control in Course Development," "The Midas Touch: California's Vocational Education System Turns Toward Academics" and "Evaluation Techniques for Classroom Practices to Show Student Achievement." Dr. Gargiulo earned her Ph.D. in Education at the University of California, Los Angeles, holds Masters degrees in physics and philosophy, and a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. Dr. Gargiulo is a member of the Research and Education Standards Subcommittee and serves as an Education Evaluator on DETC accreditation teams. She frequently presents at DETC Accreditation Workshops and Conferences and has attended every DETC conference and workshop since 2008.