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DEAC Appoints A New Member to the Commission

Washington, D.C. — The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of a respected leader within the DEAC community to its Commission: Janet Perry Quintana, Vice President of President of Academics and Compliance for Weston Distance Learning. The appointment was made in accordance with Article IV, Section 8 of the *Bylaws* to fill a vacancy on the Commission. The partial term begins immediately and will continue through March 31, 2028.

“Ms. Quintana’s appointment to the Commission is a welcome addition. Her decades-long connection with DEAC uniquely positions her to contribute meaningful insight and leadership to the accreditation process. We are excited about the perspective and dedication she brings to the Board.” said Dr. Marcia Ditmyer, Chair of the Commission.

Ms. Quintana brings 35 years of experience in postsecondary education, including more than three decades dedicated to distance education with years of experience as a DEAC evaluator and two three-year terms on the DEAC Standards Committee. Her professional background spans management, strategic leadership, outcomes assessment, accreditation and compliance, academic administration, student support and retention, graduate services, and registrar and admissions functions.

Ms. Quintana has a lifelong passion for supporting adult learners and is deeply committed to the transformative power of education. “Accreditation plays a vital role in protecting and supporting learners by promoting continuous quality improvement, ethical business practices, and an institution’s commitment to its mission,” said Ms. Quintana upon receiving notice of her appointment, “I am truly grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the DEAC community as a Commissioner.”

About DEAC

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1926. As a national accreditor of distance education institutions, DEAC ensures high standards of educational quality and student outcomes across its accredited institutions.

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