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## **John Marrin Named President of Lamar Community College**



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DENVER – John Marrin, the dean of Colorado Mountain College’s (CMC) Timberline campus in Leadville, has been appointed president of Lamar Community College by Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). Marrin was one of two finalists forwarded to McCallin by an independently formed presidential search committee consisting of students, faculty, administrative staff and community members.

Marrin will assume the presidency at Lamar Community College on June 1. “We look forward with great anticipation to John Marrin's presidency,” said McCallin. “His leadership track record fits the needs of LCC well.”

“Not only does he have a history championing sound financial decision making and adapting and creating programs to best serve the needs of students and the community,” began McCallin. “He has also had success in building and retaining enrollment via integrated marketing efforts and the creation of high quality learning and service environments.” After an extensive community-based search and interview process was initiated in January, Marrin emerged from a field of 40 candidates.

“I would like to thank Jim Rizzuto for serving as president since January 2006 and Dave Smith for his work as chief administrative officer during that time,” said McCallin. “Jim did an excellent job stabilizing LCC’s budget, enrollment and operations and we are delighted that he can now concentrate 100 percent of his talents and leadership on his continued presidency of Otero Junior College. I would also like to thank the employees, students and constituents of Lamar for their continued loyalty and dedication to the college.”

“Finally,” stated McCallin, “I want to extend a special thank you to the presidential search committee members who contributed an extensive number of hours during the course of the search in meetings and other search related activities. The recommendation I received from the committee was invaluable.”

“I am very excited about this opportunity to build on Lamar Community College’s legacy to southeastern Colorado,” remarked Marrin. “I look forward to collaborating with the college’s faculty, staff and surrounding communities to implement strategies that will not only strengthen enrollment but our overall financial health.”

As Dean of CMC’s Timberline Campus, serving Lake and Chaffee counties, since 2004, Marrin oversaw the effectiveness of campus operations, accountability, assessment, community relations and academic quality for sites in Lake and Chaffee counties. Colorado Mountain College serves nearly 20,000 students annually via 11 locations situated across a district and service area encompassing nine counties in north-central Colorado. As Campus Dean, Marrin helped develop new programming to meet the needs of students and the community including the Historic Preservation, Entrepreneurship, Forestry Technician and Professional Fly Fishing Guide programs. He also oversaw campus facility expansion projects including a new campus in Chaffee County and the construction of a new Center for Learning Services/Library.

Starting in 1977, Marrin, who earned his master’s in business administration from Regis University in Denver, began a long tenure at Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) in Scottsbluff, Neb. That tenure culminated with him serving as their Dean of Business and Individual Training from 2001 to 2004. He began his academic career in 1977 as a Marketing/Management Instructor for WNCC. From 2000-2004, Marrin was a board member and co-chair with various Nebraska workforce development initiatives. Additionally, he chaired the initial sustaining campaign of a Nebraskan YMCA, serving on its board from 1996-2001. While at CMC, Marrin participated in the Leadville Coalition, a group of leaders from various taxing entities in Lake County whose mission is to promote community and economic development.

The Colorado Community College System Comprises the state’s largest system of higher education serving more than 107,000 students annually. CCCS oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and seven other post-secondary institutions.