John Will begins term as WITC President

Fall classes at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College began on Aug. 18, but as students returned from a Labor Day break, they were greeted by a change in leadership. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, John Will started his term as the eighth president of the college.

In June, the WITC Board of Trustees selected Will to replace Bob Meyer. After six years at WITC, Meyer left the college to accept the position of Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Current WITC Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness Ellen Riely Hauser served as interim president until Will could begin his term.

“I’ve already been spending time on WITC’s campuses with various partners and stakeholders outside of the college to get a feel for key issues and perspectives,” said Will. “I believe maintaining and establishing relationships is an important foundation for long term success.”

Will has served in many capacities with WITC, including as chief operating officer until 2011. In addition to his experience at WITC he has held positions with such organizations as Springstead as vice president and client representative; chief operating officer with Impact Seven in Almena, Wisconsin; and business manager with the Spooner Area School District in Spooner, Wisconsin.

After leaving WITC employment, Will continued to be involved with the college through membership on the WITC Foundation Board. In addition, Will has served other boards such as Greater Wisconsin Opportunities Fund, Wisconsin Community Development Legacy Fund, Indianhead Community Action Agency, and Quality Development Corporation.

“If we understand the needs of business and industry, we will better serve both the businesses and our students,” said Will. “One of the great strengths of technical colleges is their ability to respond to local workforce needs, and I believe my background can help WITC build on its strong track record with business and industry.”

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