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Prickett Appointed New ISD Superintendent

Jeanne Glidden Prickett, administrator of the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind, was named superintendent of Iowa School for the Deaf by the Iowa Board of Regents Saturday.

Prickett will take over the position from William P. Johnson who will retire Sept. 1, 2003.

Prickett has been administrator of the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind, part of the Hawaii Department of Education, since 1996. In that role, she implemented a comprehensive student support system and currently assists teachers in aligning educational standards with individualized education programs.

She also has worked in a number of educational, coordinating and consulting roles in serving individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing and blind. From 1990 to 1995, she was coordinator of materials development for the American Foundation for the Blind Deaf-Blind Project. She coordinated and directed the National Information Center on Deaf-Blindness at Gallaudet University and the hearing and vision impaired programs for the Central Association for Special Education in Decatur, Ill.

She has managed federal grants and contracts at Gallaudet, Johns Hopkins University and the American Foundation for the Blind.

Prickett also served as chairperson for instructional programs and services and as a hearing impaired consultant for the Dupage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association in Lombard, Ill. She also has written numerous publications, given many presentations and engaged in various consulting activities in her profession.

Prickett, who began her career as an elementary and high school

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Commission Gets New Chairperson

DSCI Commission meeting was held on August 24, 2002, at the State Capitol. During that meeting It was suggested that Marvin Tuttle, who was interim chair, continue in that position. It was proposed that Marvin accept the position as Chairperson of the commission and approved by the commission upon his acceptance. Kathy Miller volunteered to be the Vice Chairperson.

During the August 24th meeting, Suzy Mannella gave a presentation on the Jr. Commission Program with a proposal to expand the existing program to 5 days that would be broken up into 3 different meeting times. The first to be held November 15th–16th , second in either February or March of 2003 and the third would be sometime in June of 2003. The commission made a motion to approve the expansion of the program and voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes.

There was a move to add a new ground rule also at that meeting. The new ground rule “No use of cell phones, pagers, or other electronic devices during meetings” was passed unanimously. The new ground rule will be in effect for the next Commission meeting scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2002, at Des Moines Area Community College from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Qwest Opens Special Needs Center

In Qwest’s 14-state region, hundreds of customers live with disabilities. For them, communications takes on special importance, which is why Qwest has a Special Needs Center in Albuquerque, N.M. The six-member team handles roughly 4,600 calls a month for sales, service and support.

“Our customers are very advanced in communications,” says Johnson, customer support manager. “They’re savvy about communications and our group is sensitive to the fact that their needs are very important. If a customer is vision, hearing, or motion-impaired, we’d like to have Qwest provide services to help– such as wireless, DSL, voice-announced caller ID and phones with visual indicators.”

The Qwest special needs center can be reached at 1-800-223-3131 v/tty, fax 505-765-8203

DSCI Presents Workshops on ADA and Interpreters

Are you interested in learning more about your ADA rights and Interpreters? What about filing a complaint? DSCI is hosting workshops across the state of Iowa for anyone interested in learning more about these topics. The workshop is titled "ADA, Deaf Rights, Interpreters and You; How to Obtain a Professional Interpreter" and "How to File a Complaint when you are not satisfied" Workshops are presented by Barb Jones, Interpreter DSCI, and Suzy Mannella, Consultant DSCI. The workshops started in August of 2002 and will continue until April of 2003. The workshops are presented in ASL (American Sign Language). If accommodations are needed, voice interpreting, etc. contact DSCI at least 5 working days prior to the workshop. You still have a chance to go and learn more about your rights and responsibilities. The next three workshops are scheduled for:

November 9, 2002	Britt	West Hancock Ambulance Service 20 First Ave. S.W.
December 7, 2002	Davenport	Scott Community College, Kahl Education Center 326 W. 3rd Room 1006
April 5, 2002	Council Bluffs	Iowa School for the Deaf 1600 South Highway 275

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resource teacher for the visually impaired, holds a doctor of education degree in special education, a master of science in education degree and a bachelor of science in education degree, all from Illinois State University. She acquired additional training in the Cohort School Leadership Program at the University of Hawaii.

Prickett was among three candidates recommended to the Board of Regents by an 11-member search committee. Her annual salary will be \$110,000.

The Iowa School for the Deaf was founded in 1855, moved to its present 115-acre campus in Council Bluffs in 1870, and will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2005. In fall 2002, the school enrolled 122 students in on-campus programs and 96 students in off-campus programs.



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Deaf Women of Iowa Against Abuse

Deaf Women of Iowa Against Abuse (DWIAA) is a nonprofit, independent agency set up by four Deaf women in 1999. DWIAA provides personal, legal, and community advocacy to Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind persons who have been victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. We serve people all over the state of Iowa. All advocates are required to be fluent in ASL; all of our current advocates are deaf.

DWIAA recently received a federal grant from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to fund a new training program. This two-year project will be set up to teach 51 domestic violence and sexual assault centers and shelters around the state to provide immediate crisis services to Deaf victims until DWIAA advocates can get to where help is needed.

DWIAA is in need of persons who would be willing to become volunteer advocates. Training will be provided and ongoing support is offered. Anyone in the state of Iowa who is fluent in ASL, has experience working with the Deaf community, and has a strong commitment to helping others is encouraged to contact either Gretchen Brown-Waech (Executive Director) or Roberta Ryerson (Volunteer Coordinator) at 515-244-0875 (TTY only) or DWIAA@hotmail.com.
