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College of the Siskiyous Announces Hiring of New Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Weed / COS – College of the Siskiyous is pleased to announce the hiring of Mark Klever as the new Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Yreka Center Director. Mark Klever has been serving as the Interim Yreka Campus Director since June 2017. According to COS Superintendent / President, Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, “the CTE Dean/Yreka Center Director search was highly competitive, and I had the privilege of interviewing three well-qualified finalists over the past several weeks. Mark rose as the top selection in the search. Congratulations to Mark for being our successful candidate, and a special thanks from me to Dennis Roberts, COS Athletic Director and Associate Dean of CTE, who chaired the Dean’s search committee this fall, as well as for serving in his additional leadership role with CTE programs for the interim period.”



Mark Klever brings to the position of Dean of CTE over twenty years spent at Cal Poly State University; earning both a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Business Management and a Master’s degree in Agriculture; and he also supervised the operations of the University’s 6,000 acre farm. It was at Cal Poly he got to practice the “learn by doing” concept of teaching students in agriculture-related Career and Technical fields.

In January 2011, Mark and his family moved to Siskiyou County and Mark assumed the leadership role as President and General Manager of Belcampo Farms. During his time with Belcampo, Mark received first-hand experience of operating a major business within Siskiyou County, and transitioned the “learn by doing” theories into practice from the world of education to the world of business.

“For the past 18 months, Mark has brought a passion to our College from his past experiences, and is now looking forward to his new expanded leadership role,” said Dr. Schoonmaker. “The future of the College’s CTE programs are vital to the long-term success and sustainability of not only College of the Siskiyous, but also the economic vitality of the County and the Far North Region. As the College

President, I am looking forward to working with Mark to fortify our existing CTE programs' successes, and strategically offer revised and/or new CTE programs that are being identified by the communities we serve as relevant and critical to everyone's long-term success," he continued.

One of the top priorities for the foreseeable future will be in creating these "win-win-win" situations for business and industry, the College, and – most importantly – in preparing a workforce today to provide a catalyst for economic development today AND tomorrow for communities throughout Siskiyou County and the North State.

"We have a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in people's lives in this County," said Klever. "Today, more than ever before, our communities need skill building and degree opportunities to improve their employment choices to help support workforce needs and be a positive stimulus in our rural region of California. I'm up for the challenge and look forward to my new role."