From: Pima Community College, Office of the Chancellor  
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Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Ian R. Roark is the College’s new Vice President of Workforce Development.

Increasing responsiveness to the education needs of businesses is crucial for the economic development of the College and southern Arizona. We must partner with industry to provide occupational programs that produce employees trained to succeed in a rapidly changing workplace. We also need to customize workforce programs so they provide relevant instruction in formats that employers need.

This is a major initiative, and as the single point of contact for our many workplace initiatives and occupational programs, the Vice President of Workforce Development has a critical role to play in the College’s success. Ian’s experience in aligning programs with regional labor markets, combined with his success at invigorating dual-credit programs and in securing corporate and competitive grants, makes him the best person for the job.

Currently, Ian is Executive Dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education (CTWE) at Odessa College in Texas, a position he has held since 2010. He led a successful restructuring of Odessa’s CTWE programs, resulting in near-record enrollments and reversing a downward trend. Under his leadership, Odessa’s CWTE division had student certificate, degree and licensure attainment rates that are twice the Texas average.

Ian has a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Angelo State University and a master’s degree in Education/Educational Leadership from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with Texas certifications in Social Studies, Music, English as a Second Language, and Administration.

Ian will report to Community Campus President Dr. Lorraine Morales. His first day on the job is March 2. Please join me in welcoming Ian to PCC.

Lee D. Lambert,  
Chancellor