

IACCT Executive Director Wraps Up her Career in December 2020

IACCT Executive Director, attorney, and risk manager, will wrap up her career at IACCT in December 2020.

“MJ Dolan has raised the profile of Iowa’s Community Colleges across the state and nation with her tireless work and passion for Iowa’s Community Colleges who serve as Iowa’s workforce trainer and provide Iowans skills for living wage jobs thereby improving their and their family’s lives. Her integrity and many talents serve IACCT well,” said previous IACCT Board Chair and Eastern Iowa Community College Trustee Denise Hollonbeck.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Iowa’s Community College family, particularly their locally elected Trustees,” said Dolan. “The Trustees, the Presidents, and the staff change the lives in one in ten Iowans every year. It is well known, education is key to unlocking the potential in anyone. Iowa’s Community Colleges take everyone and assist each of them in finding their path to success—creating workers for Iowa business and stimulating Iowa’s economy in every corner of the state. I look forward to continuing to serve Iowa in the coming years as the opportunities arise.”

“MJ’s does a great job, and we will miss her at IACCT. Her dedication to spreading the word about value of our work, particularly in rural Iowa, has helped elevate the understanding of Iowa’s Community Colleges role in the economic vitality every community across Iowa,” said previous Community College Presidents’ Chair and Iowa Central Community College President Dan Kinney, Jr.

Dolan joined IACCT as its Executive Director in 2007, taking on the construction of their current facility which opens its doors to a wide variety of groups in need of meeting space; creating the Community College “family” of IACCT Members, partners, policymakers, and other reputable organizations; building sound association financial and operations practices; leading the Community College Advocacy team under its One Voice pillar to generate an additional \$60 million in operations and \$15 million in workforce training in the last decade; increasing the effectiveness of the Iowans For A Skilled Workforce PAC; establishing the Plan Sponsor role for the nearly \$500 million Community College alternative retirement program; and building relationships to engage Iowa’s Community College Trustees in statewide and local advocacy and professional development efforts.

She served as a national leader on AACC’s committees to develop the *21st Century Report*, served as Chair of the national CCAE leading the organization to update and standardize its operations, and recently led an effort with over 100 Iowa leaders to provide input for ACCT’s Rural Community College Bill & Melinda Gates Grant. Dolan has a long list of community services and leadership roles. She currently serves on the GreenState Credit Union, PMMIC, and DMAM Rotary Board of Directors.

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IACCT was established in 1971 to serve the 15 Community Colleges of Iowa, which serves one in ten Iowans annually. In the 2019 college academic year, they served over 128,624 credit and over 189,843 noncredit students in 7.67 million hours of education. Iowa’s Community Colleges are the workforce trainer of Iowa offering a wide variety of short-term and long-term credit and noncredit programs/courses to meet the needs of business and education in their local communities. The skills and career training at Iowa’s Community Colleges meet the credentials qualifications to reach the Future Ready Iowa goal of 70% of Iowans having a post high school credential by 2025. In the 2019 college academic year, they also provided work skills to 183,999 individuals in their Workforce and Economic Development Fund, GAP Tuition Assistance, Pathways Academic Career Education programs, and Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network. IACCT leads the Community College Advocacy Team and provides Member professional development through training webinars and a variety of events. For those interested in applying for the IACCT Executive Director position, please visit: www.iacct.com/about/new-executive-director-search