

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **New Member Elected to DEAC Board of Directors**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the results of its election of an institution member to the DEAC Board of Directors.

During the election, held in conjunction with DEAC's 93rd Annual Conference, DEAC member institutions elected Ms. Traci Lee, President of Sonoran Desert Institute (SDI), to serve a three-year term through March 31, 2022.

"I am deeply honored to serve as a board member and look forward to the opportunity to utilize my background in the education sector to contribute to the Commission," said Ms. Lee. "I also have tremendous respect for the board members, and I look forward to working with them."

Ms. Lee possesses a strong background in institutional management, Title IV regulations, accreditation and compliance.

"Our newest board member has been an active member of the DEAC community and brings talent, expertise and energy to the table," said Dr. Leah Matthews, Executive Director. "Wisdom gained from her many years of working with various institutions and accreditations, coupled with her strong leadership skills, will be an asset to DEAC."

### **ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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