

Dear WIC Community,

The Board of Directors of West Island College Society of Alberta is extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Corbett to the position of Head of School and CEO of West Island College (WIC).

Erin's appointment comes after a thorough search process that garnered significant interest from highly qualified and experienced educators working as heads or deputy heads of schools in leading private schools as well as accomplished principals in the public school system from across the country.

With this appointment, Erin comes back home to Calgary after her time as Head of School for Montcrest School, located in Toronto. Previously, Erin was a long-term Head of School at River Valley School in Calgary, an excellent feeder school to WIC. With this background, Erin already knows many within the WIC community, has an understanding of the WIC culture, and is anxious to get to know the rest of the WIC community and help move WIC forward as we plan for the future. Erin is a very talented leader, combining gracious warmth, authenticity, and humility with a unique ability to foster a spirit of collaboration and creative thinking. Erin also possesses a strong understanding of Alberta education and is highly regarded amongst her peers within the Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). The WIC Board of Directors is confident that Erin will provide capable and compassionate leadership, ensuring that West Island College steadfastly maintains its mission of providing academic excellence while offering innovative programming taught by exceptional staff.

Erin will succeed Gord Goodwin, who admirably stepped in as our Interim Head of School last spring, and who has served WIC so very well in multiple other senior leadership capacities over the past ten years. Gord has agreed to help Erin as she transitions into her new role, although the exact timeline has not yet been finalized. On behalf of the Board, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Gord for steadying the ship during a period of serious uncertainty for both WIC and the broader community amid the pandemic.

Erin's appointment was the culmination of many months of work by a search committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The search committee would like to thank Sarah Hawitt and her excellent team from DHR International for assisting them with a professional and meticulous search that led us to Erin's appointment. They kept us on schedule with timely updates as they vetted dozens of qualified candidates.

Finally, I would like to thank all my colleagues on the search committee for the countless hours they invested into this process, as well as the support of our thoughtful colleagues on the Board that trusted and unanimously supported the search committee's recommendation to select Erin.

We very much look forward to welcoming Erin and her husband Todd to WIC in the not-too-distant future!

Sincerely,

Rob Nieuwesteeg  
Chair, Board of Directors