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COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE’S PRESIDENT DR. REBEKAH WOODS AWARDED ACT CEO AWARD FOR WASHINGTON STATE

Pasco, WA, April 21, 2026 – Columbia Basin College (CBC) is proud to announce Dr. Rebekah Woods, President of Columbia Basin College (CBC) will be awarded the 2026 ACT Chief Executive Officer Award from the Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) at their spring conference in May. Dr. Woods was recognized for her commitment to excellence in advancing the community college movement and the success of Columbia Basin College under her leadership.

Dr. Woods was nominated by the CBC Board of Trustees and supported by student leadership. “Thanks to Dr. Woods strategic direction and unwavering commitment to student success, CBC has been able to expand programs and strengthen student support systems. Her leadership has ensured that CBC will continue to serve our students and the community long into the future, transforming the lives of students and their families for generations”, said Trustee Ofelia Rivas de Bredt.

Dr. Woods joined CBC in 2017. Her nomination noted her focus on student success and the development of innovative high-demand programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Community Health, and a BAS in Teacher Education. With her shared vision and commitment to student success, CBC remains a steady, trusted workforce partner supporting local industry needs. Dr. Woods commitment to campus and community is a role model highlighting the power of the community and technical community college system as a key part of local economic development.

For questions, please email Elizabeth Burtner, Vice President for Marketing & External Engagement at eburtner@columbiabasin.edu.

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Columbia Basin College (CBC) is a public community college serving the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities since 1955. CBC’s mission is to inspire, educate, and support all students in an environment of academic excellence leading to the completion of degrees, certifications, and educational transfers, while fostering meaningful employment, engaged citizenship, and a life-long joy of learning. CBC offers both two and four-year degrees and one-year Certificates. Bachelor of Applied Science degrees are offered in Applied Management, Applied Management in Agriculture or Healthcare, Community Health, Cyber Security, Dental Hygiene, Health Physics, Project Management, Respiratory Therapy, Software Development, and Administration Teacher Education. CBC also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Computer Science.