



LINFIELD COLLEGE
McMinnville, Oregon

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Linfield College invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement. The College seeks an experienced advancement professional to lead its fund raising, constituent relations, and communications efforts.

For 155 years, Linfield College, a private, four-year, co-educational institution, has shaped the lives of students by advancing a vision that connects learning, life, and community. Linfield's enrollment currently exceeds 2,600, and its students find their callings by linking the traditional liberal arts with a practically-based education through collaborative research, and service, international, and experiential learning opportunities. Linfield is focused on helping students identify and pursue their passions and serves students from diverse social, cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds from the Northwest and across the nation and world.

The main campus in McMinnville, Oregon, is situated on 193 park-like acres that provide for an aesthetic learning environment and ensure long-term growth viability. The Portland campus is home to the Linfield–Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. Linfield is also a leader in online education through its long-established Adult Degree Program. In all, Linfield features over 40 majors with a strong academic reputation. In addition to lively performing arts and active community engagement, the College is also renowned for its athletic programs, among the most successful in the country in NCAA Division III.

McMinnville is a city of 30,000 located in the middle of the Willamette Valley, home to Oregon's world-renowned vineyards, fine dining, beautiful scenery, and a host of other historical, artistic, and cultural interests. It is a beautiful, family-friendly, and affordable setting, only 35 miles from Portland and its ample cultural, culinary, and entertainment opportunities. The College is just 50 miles from the Oregon coast, one of the country's most beautiful and pristine showplaces.

In 2012, Linfield completed an ambitious Strategic Plan that emphasizes growth, access, affordability, and regional/national/global partnerships. A comprehensive fundraising campaign to help achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan is projected in the near future.

For the last seven years, President Thomas L. Hellie has provided outstanding leadership for Linfield College. Now, he and the faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees have set a bold course for even greater success in the future. The next Vice President for Institutional Advancement will need to be an experienced fundraising and advancement team leader who can work with a seasoned President; an engaged Board of Trustees; solid advancement, alumni and communications teams; and highly committed volunteer leadership.

The successful candidate will have a strong track record of building and managing a growing advancement program including fund raising, alumni, and communications aspects. (S)he will exhibit big picture thinking ability, emotional acumen, and will be a collaborative and steadfast team player on the President's Cabinet. In addition, the new Vice President will be a person with a strong record of personal engagement and achievement in major gifts and campaigns.

The College seeks ten years or more of progressively responsible and successful fundraising experience, preferably in higher education. Candidates with comprehensive experience building annual, major and planned gift programs, leading campaigns, and working cooperatively with a Board of Trustees are highly valued for this position. The successful candidate will display unusual ability to build effective relationships with a diverse group of key constituents and will demonstrate success in building teams and inspiring excellence. For more information about the position and to read the full position description, please go to: <http://www.gonsergerber.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Job-description.Linfield-College.pdf>.

Nominations and Applications

Nominations and applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with initial screening expected to begin on March 22, 2013. Inquiries, nominations, and applications may be directed in confidence to: Doug Mason and Robert Driver, c/o Gonser Gerber LLP, 400 E. Diehl Road, Suite 380, Naperville, IL 60563; dmason@gonsergerber.com and rdriver@gonsergerber.com. To apply, please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five professional references. References will not be contacted until later in the search process.

Linfield College is an equal opportunity employer.

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