



Eagle Gate College Dean Won the What Makes Idaho Better Award

Eagle Gate faculty member received prestigious award from KLCE radio station.

Idaho Falls, Idaho – Unitek Learning is thrilled to celebrate the success of Dean Rochelle Mertz in Idaho Falls. Dean Mertz recently won the “What Makes Idaho Better” award from KLCE radio station. This organization seeks to recognize individuals who make a difference in the community. KLCE will announce the winner over the radio, provide Dean Mertz with a meal voucher and complementary stay at a local inn, and enter her name in a gift card raffle by the Idaho Central Credit Union.

“We are so thrilled to receive this award from KLCE. It’s an honor and a privilege,” said Janis Paulson, Chief Executive Officer at Unitek Learning. “Our students nominated Dean Mertz for the ‘What Makes East Idaho Better’ award. She is a fantastic leader who truly cares about her students, faculty, and co-workers. Please join us in congratulating Dean Mertz!”

Dean Mertz is a registered nurse with more than 30 years of experience in the fields of maternal child nursing and leadership. She is passionate about helping others and finds joy in preparing graduate nurses to join the profession of nursing. Dean Mertz also holds a master’s degree in nursing education and healthcare administration. Currently, she actively seeks a doctoral degree in nursing education.

Dean Mertz is a beloved leader at Eagle Gate College’s Idaho Falls campus. Under her purview, students enroll in programs like Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and the Master’s Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN). Students also benefit from a dynamic learning environment. This often includes hands-on exercises, clinical simulations, and online coursework. The next generation can gain a well-rounded education in Idaho Falls, effectively preparing them for successful healthcare careers.

“At Eagle Gate College and Unitek Learning, we are committed to our students and the community we serve,” said Stephanie Greenwood, National Dean of the BSN, MSN, and MEPN programs at Unitek Learning. “Our core values include integrity, excellence, compassion, empowerment, and relevance. We strive to instill these values in our students and the communities we serve; Dean Mertz is an excellent example of living these core values every day.”

Unitek Learning is the parent company of several distinguished learning institutions: Unitek College, Unitek EMT, Eagle Gate College, Provo College, and Brookline College. Unitek programs teach the clinical practices and theory used in the field today. Equipped with a multitude of sought-after skills, Unitek graduates are prepared to excel in many of the fastest-growing careers in healthcare and nursing.

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