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Gregoire appoints new SVC trustee

Gov. Chris Gregoire has officially appointed Oak Harbor resident Christon Skinner as Skagit Valley College's new trustee, and his name will be sent to the Senate for confirmation, according to a news release from the college.

Skinner, who began serving on the board in November, replaces Trustee Don Piercy, who died from cancer last spring.

According to the release, Skinner has served as an emcee for Skagit Valley College's Whidbey Island Golf Classic for the past two decades and practices law in Oak Harbor. He's a member of the Oak Harbor Rotary Club, serving as president from 1992-1993, and a member of the Oak Harbor Area Council of the Navy League, serving as the group's president from 1988-1990.

"I am a firm believer in community colleges, and I have seen how they transform lives," Skinner said in the news release. "My father was the president of Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon. I share his passion for the community college mission."

The college's Board of Trustees has five members, and each are residents of Skagit, Island or San Juan counties.

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