

# INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

August 15, 2018

Dear Members of the Incarnate Word Academy Community-

The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and the Incarnate Word Academy Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Randy Berzon-Mikolas as interim president of the school, effective August 15, 2018. She will serve in this position until a new president is selected. 'Dr. Randy', as she is known to the IWA community, will have all the rights and responsibilities as president of the institution.

Dr. Randy came to Incarnate Word Academy in 1987 and served as dean of students, principal and ultimately as the first president of IWA, retiring in 2012. During her time at the Academy, she was known as an innovator in education. She introduced the first computer classes to the curriculum, and moved biology classes to freshman year so students could take both advanced biology and advanced chemistry during their four years. Always an enthusiastic supporter of athletics, she started and coached the first cross country team and oversaw the building of the soccer/softball field and tennis courts. Many of Dr. Randy's contributions to IWA can still be seen as you walk around campus. She initiated the construction of the addition to the Theater Building, had new lockers and PA system installed, and, along with Sr. Eileen O'Keeffe, created the History Wall. In addition, she helped inaugurate the Hall of Fame, cultivated the first million dollar gift to the school, and assisted in the creation of many of the scholarships now available to students.

Dr. Randy holds an undergraduate degree from Drake University, as well as master's and PhD degrees from St. Louis University. Since her retirement from IWA, she has served for three years as a reading interventionist in two different elementary schools. She was a member of the St. Frances Cabrini Academy School Board, serving as Board Chair for three years. She continues as an emeritus member of that board. She currently serves on a newly-formed committee for Elder Care, a new ministry which the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word are including in their worldwide network of ministries.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Randy Berzon-Mikolas back to Incarnate Word Academy!

Sincerely-



Dr. Karen Merritt Luebbert '60  
Chair, Incarnate Word Academy Board of Trustees

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