

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

<b>BOARD ACTION</b>
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 Ridgewater College President Doug Allen will conclude his service on June 30, 2017.  
3 Chancellor Rosenstone invited nominations and expressions of interest for the position of interim  
4 president at Ridgewater College. Applications and nominations have been reviewed by the  
5 chancellor, and he has reviewed all input received and consulted as appropriate to develop his  
6 recommendation to the board. At this time Chancellor Rosenstone recommends Joe Opatz as  
7 interim president of Ridgewater College.  
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9 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

10 The Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following  
11 motion.  
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13 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

14 The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints  
15 Joe Opatz as interim president of Ridgewater College effective July 1, 2017, subject to the  
16 completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation  
17 with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and  
18 execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota  
19 State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.  
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21 *Date of Approval: May 17, 2017*

22 *Date of Implementation: July 1, 2017*

# Joseph P. Opatz PhD

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Higher Education.

**M.Ed.**, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio  
Counseling and Student Personnel

**B.A.**, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota  
Psychology

## EXPERIENCE

**Interim VP for Workforce Education, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie, MN.**  
2016

**Executive Search Consultant, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** 2014-2015

**President, Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minnesota –** 2007 to 2014.

**President (interim) and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, Minnesota.** 2005 to 2007

**State Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives – St. Cloud, Minnesota.**  
1993-2005.

**Executive Dean and Dean of Instructional Programs (interim), Anoka-Ramsey Community College.** 2003 to 2005.

**Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, St. Cloud State University.** 2001 to 2007

**Visiting Scholar, Department of Educational Policy and Administration, University of Minnesota.** 2001 to 2002.

**Special Assistant to the President, St. Cloud State University.** 1994 to 2001

**Director, Atwood University Student Center - St. Cloud State University.** August 1986 to 1994.

**Adjunct Faculty -St. Cloud State University.**

**Director, Health Promotion Program - St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 1985 to 1986.**

**Executive Director, National Wellness Institute - University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 1982-85.**

**Senior Personnel Administrator - Hennepin County Government, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1980-82.**

**Director, Student Center – The College of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey, 1977-78.**

**Assistant Director, Student Center – The College of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey, 1976-77.**

### **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Books**

Editor and Co-author, The Economic Impact of Worksite Health Promotion. Champaign, Illinois: Human Kinetics Publishers, September 1993.  
Japanese edition published in 1996.

Author, A Primer of Health Promotion: Creating Healthy Organizational Cultures. Washington, DC: Oryx Publications, February 1985, 170 pages.

Editor and Co-author, Health Promotion: Evaluating the Organizational Impact. Stevens Point, Wisconsin: National Wellness Association Press, 1987, 141 pages.

Editor, Wellness Promotion Strategies: Selected Proceedings of the Eighth Annual National Wellness Conference. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company, May 1984, 166 pages.

#### **Selected Publications**

Assessing the Value of Non-Resident Tuition Policies in the Face of State Workforce Development Needs: A Minnesota perspective. A paper presented at the international conference of the Association for Institutional Research. Toronto, Canada, June, 2002. ERIC, 2003.

Founding co-editor, The American Journal of Health Promotion, 1986 to 1992.

Co-author, Economic Impact of Worksite Health Promotion. A monograph published by the Association for Worksite Health Promotion, August 1991.

Co-author, "Current issues in the evaluation of worksite health promotion". In Opatz, J.P. (ed.), Health Promotion Evaluation: Measuring the Organizational Impact. National Wellness Association Press, 1987.

Founder and editor, Wellness Management. A quarterly periodical of the National Wellness Association, 1985-86.

Co-author, Measurement issues in program evaluation. The American Journal of Health Promotion, Spring 1987.

Author, "Case study, a longstanding wellness program at a Midwestern university". The American Journal of Health Promotion, June, 1986.

Author, "Wellness: Managing our health for the future". Proceedings of the Association of College Unions-International, 1988.

Author, "Wellness in colleges and universities". Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Community Health Nursing Conference. Edited by Marilyn Asay, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1985.

Author, "Implementing wellness on a college campus". In Opatz, J. (ed.), Campus Wellness Notebook. Stevens Point, Wisconsin: National Wellness Institute, 1984.

Author, "Implementing worksite health promotion programs". In Opatz, J. (ed.), Worksite Wellness Notebook. National Wellness Institute, 1984.

### **Selected Presentations**

Establishing Expectations for Minnesota Schools. The Education Policy Forum sponsored by the University of Minnesota College of Education. March, 1999.

Community Based Planning Act: Mandatory vs. voluntary planning. American Planning Association, Minnesota Chapter Annual Meeting, Bemidji, MN, November, 1998.

Creating an Accountability System for Minnesota Schools. Annual conference of the Minnesota Rural Education Association. November, 1998.

Regional Planning and Economic Development. Keynote address at the 1998 Partner in Progress Conference on growth and planning for the greater Green Bay Area. De Pere, WI. May, 1998.

Economic Impact of Worksite Health Promotion. National conference of the Association for Worksite Health Promotion, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 1993.

Health Promotion: Past, Present and Future. National Conference of the Association for Fitness in Business, San Diego, California, 1992.

Keynote speaker, national conference, Deutsche Verband für Gesundheitssport and Sporttherapie. Cologne, Germany, September 1991.

Presenter and co-chair, a conference on the Economic Impact of Worksite Health Promotion.

Sponsored by the Association for Fitness in Business and funded by a grant from Parke-Davis Corporation. Fort Worth, Texas, May 1990.

Health Promotion Evaluation: Measuring the organizational impact. Presentation at the 12th Annual National Wellness Conference, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 1987.

Discriminating legitimate from fraudulent health claims. The National Wellness Conference. Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Summer 1987.

Health Fraud (with Murphy R.). A paper presented at a special meeting of the Minnesota Affiliate of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Spring, 1986.

The future of health promotion. Fitness and Health Promotion Conference, San Francisco, California, Summer 1985.

Employee wellness programs: A comprehensive model. Keynote address - National Conference of the Association for Fitness in Business. Washington, D.C., Fall 1984.

Health promotion for a small college environment. Keynote speaker. Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, Fall 1984.

Strategies for health behavior change. Guest lecturer and keynote speaker. School of Health and Social Work, California State University-Fresno, Fresno, California, Fall 1983.