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**Emily Griffith Technical College Hires Education Veteran
Randy Johnson as Executive Director**
Johnson brings 30 years of education experience to the team

DENVER - [Emily Griffith Technical College](#) just announced it has hired Randy Johnson, an education veteran, as the College's new executive director. Johnson has worked in Denver Public Schools since 2008. Most recently he was the Regional Instructional Superintendent for schools ECE-12th grade in the central region of Denver.

Johnson joined Denver Public Schools in 2008 as the Principal of CEC Middle College (now Early College) and has served as Deputy Director, Instructional Superintendent and Executive Director of the Office of Postsecondary Readiness, the Pathways Network and Extended Learning Programs.

"Randy Johnson comes to Emily Griffith with a long standing history in education and helping students create and achieve goals related to a career path," said Bernard McCune, Senior Executive Director for Career and College Success. "His expertise in our field and passion for adult learners is the type of leader Emily Griffith needs to continue to implement the new admissions model."

Prior to moving to Colorado, Johnson served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in New Mexico, where he was born and raised. He moved to Colorado in 2001 to serve as a high school principal in Jeffco Schools.

In addition to having served as a middle and high school principal, Johnson is licensed in Colorado as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) director, has completed The Center on the Economics and Management of Education and Training Systems (CEMET's) training on apprenticeships, attended the Harvard Institute for Superintendents and District Leaders program, earned two "batons" for instructional training through the Relay Graduate School of Education, and is trained in leading instructional rounds.

"I'm particularly proud of having been part of the successes of Denver Public Schools over the past 12 years," said Johnson. "We improved performance, increased graduation rates, decreased dropout rates, built a nationally recognized network of high quality small schools designed to serve our most at-risk students, and helped to adopt and implement the new



graduation requirements which are requiring a redefinition of the high school experience,” said Johnson. “I’m excited to be at the helm of Emily Griffith during such an important time. The College plays a critical role in helping DPS achieve college and career readiness for all students.”

Johnson is a proud, first generation graduate from Eastern New Mexico University where he earned his Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree and Master’s in Education.

Scott Springer was the interim executive director at Emily Griffith Technical College most recently.

Emily Griffith Technical College has been a longstanding institution in Colorado for over 100 years. The institution has touched so many lives in Colorado, helped to start thousands of small businesses, and has consistently jumpstarted individuals into new careers. Emily Griffith is an institution that continues to power Colorado’s economy and workforce.

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About Emily Griffith Technical College

The mission of Emily Griffith Technical College is to prepare students for today’s workforce and tomorrow’s opportunities. Each year, Emily Griffith serves approximately 8,000 students through 25 career training certification programs, 13 apprenticeships and a robust adult education and English language program. In 1916, Emily Griffith founded the *Opportunity School* which was later renamed *Emily Griffith Opportunity School* in her honor and, in 2011, renamed *Emily Griffith Technical College* to better represent the mission of the school. Emily Griffith was ahead of her time because she envisioned the school before technical colleges were even a concept. Over the past 100+ years, the college has educated nearly 2 million students who seek pathways toward long-term career advancement. EmilyGriffith.edu