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New Vice President for Student Affairs appointed at USI

A college administrator with experience in enrollment services, student services, and financial assistance has been appointed vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana. He is Dr. Robert W. Parrent of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Dr. Parrent has 21 years of experience in college administration. He was associate vice president for Enrollment Management at Southeast Missouri State University from 1997 to 2000, responsible for such offices as Admissions, Financial Aid Services, and Registrar. He supervised new student programs, pre-collegiate programs, minority recruitment, testing services, and gave leadership to the university's Enrollment Development Task Force.

Both Southeast Missouri State University and University of Southern Indiana have over 9,000 students. They both offer access to higher education in an underserved region. Other similarities Dr. Parrent noted were the schools' commitment to education and imparting knowledge, and the outstanding faculty for each university whose main objectives are teaching and developing new knowledge.

Parrent moved to corporate management in 2000 to become chief operations officer for Sheldon Management and Consulting in Kentucky.

Dr. Parrent returns to higher education with the USI appointment. He said, "I'm coming back to higher education because of my passion for serving students, my love and joy of the higher education environment, and the impact one can have toward making students successful."

He was attracted to USI for multiple reasons. He said, "USI is an exciting campus because it is such a young institution. It has done a lot of things right the first time because it learned from other institutions. And USI is absolutely where you want to be with residence life. Community dorms are out and apartments and suites are what students want."

Prior to his work at Southeast Missouri State University, Dr. Parrent was vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services at Midway College in Midway, Kentucky. He also has worked in admissions offices at University of Louisville, where he was director for seven years, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Western Kentucky University.

He earned his Ed.D degree in higher education administration from Indiana University. His undergraduate work and master's degree were completed at Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Parrent and his wife Joanie have two children, Lauren, 17 and Cody, 11. The date they will be moving to Evansville has not yet been established.

John Deem will continue in the position of acting vice president for Student Affairs for the spring semester.

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