

## DCTC PARTICIPANT BIOS



**Michael Berndt**

Michael Berndt is the president of DCTC & Inver Hills Community College since July 202. Before taking on the permanent position president he served as the Interim President since 2018.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota Morris and Master's from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.



**Mike Mendez**

Mike Mendez is the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. Prior to his time at DCTC, he served as the Dean of Skilled Trades and Industry at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

**Education:** Master of Arts in Learning Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship, both from the University of St. Thomas. Pursuing a Doctorate in Community College Leadership at Ferris State in Big Rapids, Michigan.



**Anne Johnson**

Anne is the Vice President of Student Affairs. Her responsibilities include managing the Student Affairs Division which includes more than 35 individuals working in 12 college areas.

**Education:** Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from the University of Illinois Springfield and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration and Psychology from Culver-Stockton College.



**Jason Wetzel**

Jason Wetzel, is the Dean of Transportation, Construction and Manufacturing since May 2019. He oversees 16 programs at the college, six in the transportation department and 10 in the construction & manufacturing department.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Metropolitan State University and a Master of Business Administration from Mount Mercy University.



**Bob Trewartha**

Bob Trewartha is Director of Continuing Education and Customized Training at Dakota County Technical College & Inver Hill Community College.

**Education:** Master's degree in Public Administration from Metropolitan State University.



**Christopher Hadfield**

Christopher Hadfield is the Executive Director of the Minnesota State Transportation Center of Excellence. He has served in the position since 2015.

**Education:** Masters of Education, Community College Teaching and Learning from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Bachelor of Science Automotive Engineering Minnesota State University, Mankato.



**Carl Borleis**

Carl Borleis is the Direct of Program Excellence for the Minnesota State Transportation Center of Excellence. He has served in the position since 2020.

**Education:** Bachelor of Education, Bemidji State University; Associate of Arts, Winona State University and Truck Driving Certificate, Winona Technical College



**Tim McCluskey**

Tim McCluskey is an instructor in the GM Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP). Tim started teaching at DCTC in 1989 in what was then called the Automobile Mechanics program. In 1996, he became a GM ASEP instructor.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Metropolitan State University Diploma in Auto Mechanics from St. Paul College; A.A.S. degree in auto technology from DCTC.



**Ken Klassen**

Ken Klassen is an instructor in the Heavy Duty Truck Technology program for second-year students. He began teaching at DCTC in August 2008.

**Education:** Degree from North Dakota State School of Science with in Diesel Technology and brings 24 years of on-highway truck fleet and dealership experience to DCTC.



**Anna Voight**

Anna Voight is the Associate Director of Student Life. Starting at DCTC as a student, she has served the campus in a variety of roles since 2008.

**Education:** Associate of Applied Science degree in Executive Assistant from DCTC, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from Southwest Minnesota State University, and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at Saint Mary's University.



**Pete Szybatka**

Peter Szybatka is a student in the Transportation Management Program. Additionally, he is an instructor in the Heavy Duty Truck Technology Program and owns a small business that specializes in sports, diesel performance, and property management.



**Gabe Krebs**

Gabe Krebs graduated from DCTC in 2019 with an Associate of Applied Science in Heavy Duty Truck Technology. A Post-Secondary Enrollment Option student, also known as PSEO, Gabe earned a silver in the Diesel Equipment Technology competition at the Skills USA competition in 2019. The accomplishment earned him a spot to compete at the World Skills competition in Shanghai-the first student to represent DCTC in 30 years.

**DCTC Staff**

- Val Beighley-Academic Affairs Operations Director
- Emily Zimmer- Event Planner/Marketing Project Manager
- Chris Hayes-Photographer, Senior Editor
- Rachel Marzahn- Social Media Marketer, Photographer/Videographer
- Paul DeMuth-Director of Operations