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### **Governor Appoints New Commissioner to Postsecondary Education Agency**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** (*April 1, 2009*) – Gov. Dave Heineman has appointed a new commissioner, John Winkleblack, to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Winkleblack will be sworn in at the Commission's April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Hastings, Neb.

Winkleblack resides in Tilden, Neb., and represents district three, which encompasses the northeast portion of the state.

Winkleblack has been involved in the farm implement business since 1978 and has worked as a sales manager for farm equipment retailer Green Line Equipment since 1995. He served on Northeast Community College's Board of Governors from 2000 to 2008, which gave him the opportunity to understand the challenges of getting more high school students to attend college and educating more non-traditional students.

As a commissioner, Winkleblack works with other commissioners and CCPE staff to recommend policy to Nebraska's legislative and executive branches to improve and support postsecondary education.

#### **About Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education**

Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) is a state constitutional agency that serves as an independent voice within Nebraska's higher education system. It serves to promote sound policies that apply to the best interests of taxpayers, students and Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. The CCPE recommends policy to the legislative and executive branches to improve and support postsecondary education. The CCPE also reviews and recommends operating budgets, administers the Nebraska State Grant program, approves academic degree programs, and reviews for approval new tax-funded building projects proposed by Nebraska's public institutions. The CCPE is governed by 11 commissioners appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Nebraska State Legislature. For more information about the CCPE, please visit [www.ccpe.state.ne.us](http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us).

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