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BMCC hires Baker County native as new Regional Director of Baker & Union Counties

BAKER CITY, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College has hired Baker County native Ian Howarth as its new Regional Director of Baker & Union Counties, and to lead BMCC’s Baker County Center in Baker City. Howarth begins his role on Nov. 4.

Howarth fills the role formerly held by Dr. Dan Koopman, who resigned from BMCC earlier this fall to take a position with Southwestern Oregon Community College after four years in the position.

Howarth currently serves as the military chaplain for the Idaho Air National Guard and Oregon Army National Guard, a position he’s held since 2010. During that time, he also was the Regional EASA (Early Assessment Support Alliance) Coordinator for the Center for Human Development in La Grande, and a mental health counselor for New Directions Northwest in Baker City. He also served as a teacher and youth leader at Harvest Christian Academy in Baker City.

“BMCC is excited to bring a Baker County native to this position,” said BMCC President Dennis Bailey-Fougner. “We look forward to enhancing the educational opportunities and services to the residents of Baker and Union counties with someone who knows the region so well.”

BMCC provides a full range of educational services and programs to the residents of Baker County, as well as Union County through a contract out of district with the county commissioners.

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