

Macalester names Dean of the Career Development Center

St. Paul, Minn. – Mindy J. Deardurff, Director at the Undergraduate Business Career Center at the Curtis L. Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, has been named Macalester College’s Dean of the Career Development Center (CDC). She will start at Macalester on Thursday, June 2.

Deardurff has been at the Carlson School since 2003 in varying capacities. In her current position, she set strategic direction for undergraduate career services, drove placement rates to an all-time high of 98%, oversaw \$1 million budget, maintained relationships with corporate and individual donors, and earned recognition as one of *Business Week* magazine’s top 10 career placement offices in the country.



“Mindy has a compelling vision for a comprehensive career development program that will help students articulate the skills they are gaining as they are immersed in dynamic experiences and opportunities on campus, in the local community, and beyond, skills that will translate into meaningful careers post-Macalester,” said Donna Lee, Vice President for Student Affairs. “She brings with her a keen understanding of the importance of creating an integrated program - one that involves students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. I am so excited to welcome her to the Macalester community.”

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In her new position, Deardurff will develop and implement programs that will encourage students and young alumni to prepare for a potential career and vocational path beyond Macalester. She’ll work with faculty and staff and cultivate other key campus partnerships while promoting the values of the CDC as a dynamic and proactive resource for students.

“The community of students, faculty and administrators at Macalester is one of a kind, with strong partners at every level,” said Deardurff. “I am thrilled to join the Macalester community, and to lead the next phase in the development of integrated career services for Macalester students.”

Before working at the Carlson School, Deardurff was the Human Resources Manager at the Northland Inn Executive Conference Center in Brooklyn Park, Minn. She received her MA from the Carlson School and her BS from the University of Minnesota.

Donna Lee would like to thank the search committee who helped with Mindy’s appointment. They are: Louise Bradtmiller, professor, Environmental Studies; Kim Chandler, Athletic Director; Julie Dolan, professor, Political Science; Gabrielle Lawrence, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement; Sedric McClure, Multicultural Counselor, MAX Center; Mike Porter, Internship Program Director; Grace Putka ’16; Kate Ryan Reiling, Entrepreneur in Residence; Beth Severy-Hoven, professor, Classics; Emily Stuber, Executive Assistant, Office of Student Affairs; and Elida Zaldivar ’18.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,138 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>).

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