



From the Office of the President

Edward J. Ray

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Allison Davis-White Eyes, Ph.D., to serve as Oregon State University's director of community diversity relations in the Office of Institutional Diversity. Allison will begin this appointment on July 5 and will report to Oregon State's Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Charlene Alexander.

Allison will succeed Angelo Gomez in this role following his retirement on June 30, 2017. I created this position in 2016 to oversee the university's relationships with diverse communities across the state of Oregon with a focus on advancing university-community partnerships to promote equitable access to higher education. As a member of the Institutional Diversity leadership team, Allison will also contribute to other key office-led diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives for the university.

As many of you know, Allison has served as OSU's director of Diversity & Cultural Engagement in the Division of Student Affairs since 2011. In 2016, she was also appointed assistant vice provost for student affairs, providing division-wide leadership for diversity and inclusion efforts. She has been contributing to Oregon State's diversity and inclusion initiatives since arriving at the university in 2000.

As we prepare for this leadership transition, I want to thank Angelo Gomez for his service in founding this new community outreach role for OSU. He has established a strong foundation of partnerships within our university and with diverse communities across the state upon which Allison will ably build and expand. We will celebrate Angelo's retirement and contributions to the OSU community at the end of this month; details of this celebration will be shared shortly.

I also wish to thank Sam Angima, from the College of Agricultural Sciences, who chaired the search for this position, and other members of the search committee.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ray
President