



Eastern Idaho Technical College



Mayor Rebecca Casper to Deliver 2017 Commencement Address

Eastern Idaho Technical College will hold its **2017 Commencement Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 PM, in the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium. Mayor Casper** will deliver the commencement address.

Elected Office

Rebecca Casper was elected Mayor of Idaho Falls in a city-wide election in November 2013. She ran on a platform of *solving* City problems, *growing* the local economy, and *enhancing* community assets.

Business and Education Background

Prior to her election, Mayor Casper served as an adjunct professor at both BYU-Idaho and Eastern Idaho Technical

College where she taught foundational courses on both American government and state and local governance. In addition to teaching, the Mayor served as both a professional and volunteer consultant for many campaigns and public projects in Eastern Idaho. Rebecca earned her BA in 1985 and MA in 1987 in Political Science from BYU-Provo and her Ph.D. from UC-Berkeley in 1998.

Current Public Service

Mayor Casper sits on the Idaho Falls City Club Board of Directors. She also serves as a board director/advisor for the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Partnership for Science and Technology, the Regional Development Alliance, REDI and the Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization, among others. She is a co-founder and first director of the Mayor's Scholarship Fund and currently serves on its Board of Directors.

At the state level, Mayor Casper serves as a District 6 Director for the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) Governing Board. She is a member of Idaho's LINE2.0 Commission. And she currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Idaho Women in Leadership (I-WIL) organization. In 2016, she was named one of *Idaho Business Review's* Women of the Year.

Nationally, Mayor Casper sits on the Board of Directors for the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) where she advocates for Eastern Idaho's energy and environmental clean-up interests. Last year, Mayor Casper was honored with selection as a participant in the *Governing Magazine Institute's* Women in Government Leadership Program Class of 2016.

Family

Rebecca highest priority is her four children ranging in age from 25 to 16. One is attending university and two currently attend Skyline High School in Idaho Falls.