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## **Governor Walker Makes Appointments to College and Workforce Readiness Council**

**Madison**—Today Governor Walker made four appointments to the College and Workforce Readiness Council. The Governor created the council to recommend policies and programs to improve student's college and career readiness.

"Our state needs to align our education system with the needs of our workforce," said Governor Walker. "The college and workforce readiness council will help prepare Wisconsin students for jobs in today's economy. I'm grateful for the quality individuals who are volunteering to improve our state's workforce."

The Council is comprised of representatives from small business, the workforce, the State School Superintendent, Cabinet Secretaries and top officials from public and private universities and technical colleges. The Council will work to improve student readiness for college and careers through a variety of measures, including designing shorter and less costly degree programs aimed at filling high-need positions. In addition, the Council will look at ways to expand dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities for high school students, allowing them to earn college and workforce training credits while in high school.

Today the Governor appointed James Crawford, Jeffrey Clark, Laura Cataldo, and John Zorbino to the College and Workforce Readiness Council. Brief biographies of each appointee are below.

**James Crawford:** Mr. Crawford has worked as Chairman of the Board of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation. He has also worked as the Chief Executive Officer of the Potawatomi Community Development Corporation. Crawford is also an enrolled member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

**Jeffrey Clark:** Mr. Clark is President/CEO of Waukesha Tool & Stamping, LLC doing business as Waukesha Metal Products, a leading contract metal forming company based in Sussex. Mr. Clark previously was President of Production Stamping Corporation.

**Laura Cataldo:** Ms. Cataldo is currently the Director of Workforce & Industry Outreach for the Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin. Previously, she was Director of

Marketing and Public Relations.

**John Zorbino:** Mr. Zorbino is Senior Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer for Aurora Health Care. He has worked extensively with the educational system and is intimately familiar with the issues around recruitment, hiring and retention of workers at all levels.

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