



# 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 7:00 PM, in the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium. Mayor Casper** will deliver the commencement address.

**473** awards will be issued at EITC Commencement this year (**229** Associate of Applied Science degrees/certificates and **244** General Education Development (GED) diplomas).

### 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.