

## Bonnie Deister Statement

I am running for a seat on the College of the Redwoods Board of Trustees because I believe I will be an asset to the college and to the students it serves.

Coming to Humboldt County in 1984 as a Registered Nurse, I taught Health Services at CR for five years before returning to New York to care for my aging parents. While there, I spent 12 years at Broome Community College as a professor and department chair. During my time back east, I earned two masters degrees and a doctorate in Education and Leadership. With these credentials, I returned to College of the Redwoods, teaching for 11 more years plus working at St. Joseph's Hospital and for Workman's Compensation.

This combination of education and experience as a teacher, department manager and registered nurse are assets that will enable me to contribute in a meaningful and positive way while a member of the College of the Redwoods Board of Trustees. I possess the drive, teaching background and management skills necessary to evaluate our challenges and contribute to the discussion as we seek solutions to issues and work to strengthen the college further.