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Two PTC staff members selected to participate in prestigious Luoma Leadership Academy Program

PINE CITY, Minn. – Two Pine Technical College staff members, Paula Hoffman and Shawn Reynolds, were selected to participate in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities prestigious Luoma Leadership Academy Program. Hoffman, Curriculum Development Coordinator, and Reynolds, Director of Financial Aid, were selected from a pool of applicants across the MnSCU system to be a part of the 2011-2012 cohort, which is limited to 54 enrollees.

"I feel so lucky to be a part of this program," Hoffman says. "I'm so proud to be a part of the MnSCU system already, and I plan to stay with PTC for many years. This training and development will enhance my ability to contribute even more," Hoffman adds.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Reynolds says. "The program will give me a better understanding of the MnSCU system and allow us to better meet the needs of our students," Reynolds adds.

Named for Trustee Emeritus Jim Luoma, who was a great proponent of providing leadership development opportunities for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities employees, the Luoma Leadership Academy is an 18-month leadership development program designed to nurture leadership talent within the MnSCU system. Eligible participants may include department and faculty deans, human resource directors, business managers, chief financial officers, as well as faculty and staff who aspire to future leadership positions.

The Luoma Leadership Academy is supported and sponsored by the MnSCU system in cooperation with The Academy for Leadership and Development in Mesa, Arizona.

Pine Technical College, established in 1965 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, serves more than 1,000 students and awards certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. PTC's notable programs include accounting, American Sign Language, automotive technology, business administration, computer programming, computer science, early childhood development, gunsmithing technology, practical nursing, precision manufacturing/machining (CNC), public welfare financial worker, and many more.

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PTC is a proud member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which is comprised of 32 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 277,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 157,000 students in noncredit courses.

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Photos: Paula Hoffman, left; Shawn Reynolds, right

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