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Alignment Rockford Executive Director Appointed to National Board for Academies

Rockford, IL – Alignment Rockford's Executive Director Bridget French has been appointed to the Operating Board of Directors for the National Career Academy Coalition. NCAC's mission is to advise organizations across the country in order to create and support a national network of existing and emerging career academies. NCAC offers direct access to academy experts and advice on all things Career Academy.

The Operating Board is comprised of state, regional, and local practitioners who have led work or currently do work around Academies. The members represent national model academies and areas of the country that are heavily involved in the academy model. The Operating Board will develop the mission, vision, and strategic plan of NCAC, as well as, develop and approve policies and procedures, implement professional learning opportunities around the country, publish articles and papers, and oversee the organization.

Executive Director, Dr. Jay Steele, says, "I personally know the outstanding accomplishments and work of each board member and I am proud to work along side this dynamic team of academy experts".

"I am honored and humbled to join the board of an organization that is at the forefront of Academies," stated Executive Director Bridget French. "I look forward to deepening our network with NCAC in order to leverage best practices that will ultimately benefit the students of Rockford Public Schools."

Alignment Rockford's High School Redesign team worked with Rockford Public Schools to launch the College & Career Academies of Rockford in 2012. Academies create more supportive and personalized learning environments through a school-within-a-school structure by combining academic and occupation-related course requirements and establish partnerships with local employers to build sequences of career awareness and work-based learning opportunities for students. Alignment Rockford continues to support the College & Academies of Rockford through business and civic engagement.

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Alignment Rockford is a collaborative, non-profit framework for improving Rockford's schools that coordinates community resources with the strategic plan of Rockford Public Schools District 205.