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Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Names Mark Ivey as New President

Cincinnati, Ohio July 28, 2025 – The Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) proudly announces the appointment of Mark Ivey as the new President of the college, effective immediately. Ivey brings a wealth of leadership experience, a deep respect for funeral service education, and a strong vision for the future of the institution.

Mark Ivey succeeds Poul Lemasters, who has served as interim President and will continue to support the transition and strategic initiatives of the college.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mark Ivey as our next President," said Kathleen Shaffer, President of the CCMS Board of Trustees. "His energy, experience, and genuine passion for education and death care will elevate the legacy of CCMS and position us for continued growth and innovation in preparing tomorrow's funeral service leaders."

A seasoned professional with over 25 years in higher education leadership and strategic development, Ivey is known for fostering collaboration, advancing student success, and creating sustainable institutional change.

"Stepping in as interim president has been an honor," shared Poul Lemasters, who led the institution through a period of transition. "Mark's appointment is exactly what CCMS needs to continue its mission of excellence. His presence brings stability, inspiration, and a forward-thinking mindset that will serve our students and profession well."

In accepting the role, Mark Ivey expressed gratitude and enthusiasm: "I am deeply honored to lead Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, an institution with such a rich history and impact on funeral service education. I look forward to working alongside the dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni, and partners to build on the strong foundation already in place. Together, we will shape a bold and compassionate future for our profession."

Under Ivey's leadership, CCMS will continue to expand academic offerings, enhance student services, and strengthen its national reputation as a premier institution in funeral service education.

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science is an institution which endeavors to develop end of life professionals who can function with distinction within their chosen profession and within the community of life. The College strives to provide the best education possible, and focuses on offerings that provide convenience, accessibility and outreach to learners. For more information about Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, visit www.ccms.edu.

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