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Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed Doris Wood to a 5-year term on the Centralia College Board of Trustees.

The Centralia resident will be replacing Margaret Sundstrom, of Randle, who served as a trustee for nearly 16 years.

"We are very pleased that the governor appointed such a caring and committed person to help lead the college," James Walton, the college president, wrote in an email to staff Friday.

Wood taught English and humanities at the college for 20 years before retiring in 2009.

"She was a great instructor," said Don Frey, the college's spokesman. "She always put students first."

Wood taught in public schools in Colorado and Alaska before starting at the college in 1989. During her time as an instructor in Centralia, Wood twice received an award for being an exceptional faculty member.

"She was among the most popular instructors on campus," Frey said.

As a trustee, Wood will now be responsible for providing the college president with direction for the future of the college and advocating for the institution in the community, Frey said.

"She's going to be a great addition to the board," he said. "This woman knows the college and has already been an advocate for us."