

People in Business

Ameren Illinois announces officer changes, retirement

Ameren Illinois has announced the appointment of two new officers and the retirement of an officer.



Smith



Gilson

David Wakeman, Senior Vice President, Operations and Technical Services, will retire at end of 2022. Wakeman has held numerous leadership positions in his 40-year career with Ameren before serving as SVP of Operations and Technical Services for Ameren Illinois the last two years. Patrick Smith, Sr. has been named Senior Vice President, Operations and Technical Services. Smith will lead electric and natural gas field operations. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and organizational psychology and an Executive MBA from Washington University. Craig Gilson was named Vice President, Electric Operations and Distribution. Gilson has more than 40 years of experience with the company serving in a

variety of roles, including most recently as senior director of Electric Operations and Distribution. Under Gilson's direction, the company has made significant improvements in safety, storm response, power outage restoration and field communications. He holds a civil engineering degree from University of Illinois and MBA from Bradley University.

Edwardsville alderman among Air Force civic leaders

Edwardsville Alderman Elizabeth Grant was among area leaders who took a cross-country flight as part of a demonstration of the essential partnership between communities and U.S. military installations such as Scott Air Force Base. Grant was among regional officials who flew aboard a military aircraft from Scott Air Force Base to Joint Base Charleston in South Carolina for two days of meetings in early November.

Alderman Grant met with military personnel and Charleston-area municipal leaders, explored aircraft and visited sites representing numerous branches of the military as part of the civic leader tour.

Joint Base Charleston is one of 12 Department of Defense joint bases, and host to over 60 federal agencies. It is home to the 628th Air Base Wing, which provides

support to a total force of over 90,000 Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilians, dependents and retirees across four installations including the Air Base and the Naval Weapons Station.

The civic leader tours are held to provide a first-hand understanding and appreciation for Scott Air Force Base's joint operations.

SIUE hires Chambers as next HR director

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration Bill Retzlaff, Ph.D., has named Carl L. Chambers as the university's next director of Human Resources (HR). Chambers will assume the role on Jan. 1, 2023. An SIUE alumnus, Chambers will return to his alma mater with more than 15 years of progressive human resources and equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) experience within multiple industries in both private and public sectors.

Since 2018, Chambers has served as a principal for Human Value Initiative, LLC, providing EDI training design, development and implementation. Chambers has also served in various HR roles at Tillamook Bay Community Col-

lege, Oregon Youth Authority, Oregon State Department of Police and Tillamook County Creamery Association.

Chambers earned a bachelor's in business administration from SIUE in 1995. He earned a master's in human resource development from Villanova University in 2017 and a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification.

Bethalto superintendent joins L&C Board of Trustees

Bethalto Superintendent Jill Griffin is the newest member of the Lewis and Clark Community College Board of Trustees. Griffin was sworn in during the Board's regular meeting, Nov. 15, and will finish out the term following the resignation of former chairperson David Heyen, which runs through April 2023. Griffin plans to run in the April election to maintain her position on the Board.

She has served the Bethalto School District as superintendent for the past seven years, and as assistant superintendent and curriculum director there during the six years prior.

Griffin holds a doctorate in education and currently serves as vice president of the Southwest Region Illinois Association of School Administrators (SWIASA).

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