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OC welcomes new dean of career, technical and workforce education

ODESSA (Sept. 28, 2010) – Ian Roark recently became the new dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education for Odessa College.

Roark has a very diverse background in education. With 11 years of experience, he has served as a teacher, assistant principal, curriculum coordinator, program supervisor, and now as a community college dean. He holds a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University and a master's degree in education/educational leadership from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with Texas certifications in social studies, music, English as a second language and administration. Roark currently is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Texas at San Antonio *via* UTPB.

His experience with CTE began in 2001, when he took a teaching position at the Ector County ISD Career Center in Odessa. Before accepting the dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education for Odessa College, Roark served as the director of career and technical education and P-16 coordinator for the ECISD from 2006-2010. He currently serves on the P-16 West Texas Regional Council and is the chair for the Permian Basin Tech Prep Consortium.

Roark has presented on the topics of P-16 reform and CTE program revitalization and innovation at local, state and national conferences, and is active in the development and reform of CTE related law and regulation in Texas. His continuing focus is on developing and sustaining curricula, programs, and partnerships that will help students be successful participants in the 21st century economy.

Roark believes that Odessa College's Career, Technical and Workforce Education division is poised to be a model program for the nation to follow and is honored to join the Odessa College team. He has been married for 12 years and has two children. For more information call the Odessa College human resources department at (432) 335-6606.