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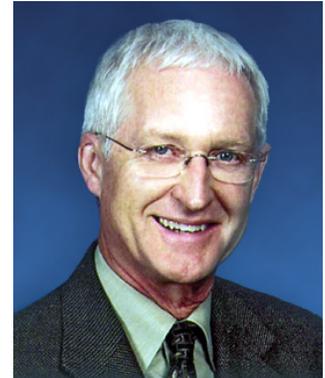
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Local leader honored for service on higher education board

WALLA WALLA — Manford Simcock, a well-known local leader and past Walla Walla University administrator, has been honored by the Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority for his service on the Governor-appointed board.

Mr. Simcock served as secretary and de facto chair of the Authority on behalf of the Governor for eight years. On his retirement, the Authority presented Mr. Simcock with a plaque in recognition of his years of service benefitting independent non-profit colleges and universities in Washington.

“We are extremely grateful for Manford’s passion, leadership, creativity and expertise as chair for the last eight years,” said Kim Herman, executive director of the Authority. “Manford has been instrumental in creating new approaches and has taught us innovative ways of looking at what we do.



“Above all, he is an active and passionate supporter of the students of Washington,” Herman added.

Mr. Simcock was the vice president for financial administration at Walla Walla University from 1982 to 2006. In 2006, he was appointed to WHEFA by Governor Chris Gregoire.

After being elected secretary of the board in 2007, he guided the Authority through the financial upheaval of 2008 and was instrumental in developing policy and program innovations that helped the Authority weather the recession.

Walla Walla University and Whitman College are among the many nonprofit colleges and universities throughout the state who have used WHEFA financing to expand, renovate and equip their campus facilities.

Bonds issued by the Authority since 2009 will save the state’s nonprofit private colleges more than \$69 million in interest—savings which are passed on to students.

“The Authority’s true goal is to enrich independent private higher education in the state while saving students money, and that’s why it has been an honor to be a part of this board,” said Mr. Simcock.

In addition to his service on the WHEFA board, Mr. Simcock is a member of Northwest Independent College Business Officers and both the western and national Association of College and University Business Officers.

He served for many years on the board of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce and received the Chamber’s Community Service award in 1999. He also served on the board of Team Walla Walla and on the Port of Walla Walla Economic Advisory Committee. He has been a member of the Walla Walla Rotary since 1982.

Mr. Simcock was born in Georgeville, Quebec, and immigrated to the United States with his wife Betty in 1961. He earned his masters degree in educational administration from Vanderbilt University in 1979.

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Since 1983, the [Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority](http://www.wshfc.org) has helped the state’s private, nonprofit colleges access more than \$2.5 billion in tax-exempt financing for projects such as student housing, academic and administrative buildings, sports and music facilities, and computer systems. WHEFA’s ability to obtain lower interest rates through the sale of tax-exempt bonds has saved Authority borrowers millions of dollars—a savings ultimately passed on to students in the form of lower tuition. The Authority receives no regular state funding for its operations and accomplishes its work without taxpayer funding of any kind.