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VRS Interpreting Institute Announces Two New Faculty Members

SALT LAKE CITY – (Jan. 25, 2017) The VRS Interpreting Institute (VRSII) is pleased to announce the addition of Ann Pattenaude and Christine Multra-Kraft to its full-time faculty roster. The VRSII provides ongoing education for Interpreting Education Program (IEP) graduates, professional interpreters and IEP educators, and is the only organization of its kind in the U.S. and Canada.

For the past six years, Pattenaude has worked at the VRSII as an internship coordinator for the VRSII's School-to-Work Program (STW.) Pattenaude was a member of the first STW cohort in 2010. As a full-time faculty member, Pattenaude will work on new programs being developed at the VRSII, such as "Pathways" and "COMPASS." Pattenaude says, "At the VRSII, the sky is the limit when it comes to possibilities and how we can make improvements."

Multra-Kraft was invited to join the VRSII faculty in July 2016. Before becoming a faculty member of the VRSII, Multra-Kraft worked for Sorenson VRS® (SVRS®) in the professional development department as a language mentor and later managed that program. Then for two years, she managed SVRS-hosted workshops. Last spring, Multra-Kraft supported the VRSII team during development of the new Pathways Internship Program. "The VRSII gives a lot back to the community. I'm inspired with how the VRSII makes opportunities happen for people who may not otherwise have access to top-notch training," she says.

Dr. Carolyn Ball, executive director of the VRSII says, "We are thrilled to have Ann and Christine join us as full-time faculty members. Their knowledge and skills are an asset to an already strong faculty team. We look forward to working with them to offer the best-possible training programs to interpreter educators and interpreters who attend the VRSII."

To read more about VRSII faculty members, visit www.vrsii.com/aboutus/meetthefaculty.

About the VRS Interpreting Institute

The VRS Interpreting Institute (VRSII) is a world-class training facility dedicated to lifelong interpreter education for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter educators, professional interpreters and Interpreter Education Program (IEP) graduates. The VRSII offers curriculum designed especially for IEP educators. IEP graduates and professional interpreters are trained utilizing the latest, highest-quality educational technologies as well as one-on-one mentoring and contemporary curriculum created by the VRSII. The VRSII was established by Sorenson VRS® in April 2009 and is located in Salt Lake City.

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