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Princeton Area Chamber has new executive director

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The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce has a new executive director.

Karen Michels retired on Aug. 13, and is being replaced by Kim Young, who started in her new role earlier this week, effective Monday, Aug. 26.

Michels served as executive director starting in 2015. She was responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the chamber and its programs and events.

During her tenure as executive director, Michels helped bring the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to Princeton.

She served as a champion for establishing new partnerships with the chamber and worked to find new and innovative ways to serve the businesses in the Princeton area, an emailed chamber news release stated.



“We appreciate all of Karen’s passion she had for the community and the chamber and all that she gave to the community,” stated PACC President Tracy Bailey. “She will be missed, but we certainly wish her all the best and a happy and relaxed retirement.

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The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is looking forward to growing the PACC and is very excited to have Young join its team, Bailey added.

“With Kim’s expertise, strong sense of community and ability to just get things done, together we are going to do great things for our members and community,” Bailey stated.

Young has worked as a grant writer for the past 10 years and has owned her own business, Grant Assist Consulting, for the past three years.

She grew up in Princeton and is involved in the community, volunteering on the school district’s Learning and Living Committee, on the board of the Princeton Boys Soccer Booster Club and chairs the All Night Senior Party.

Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in English.

“I am really excited to get started, meet members of our business community, grow the Chamber and continue to promote the great city of Princeton,” Young said.

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