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## Ada County election officials receive highest professional designation

(Boise, ID) – Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple and Ada County Elections Director Saul Seyler have been designated as Certified Elections/Registration Administrators (CERA), which is the highest professional achievement for election officials in the country.

Tripple and Seyler are two out of the five individuals in Idaho who are CERA graduates and still actively involved in elections.

CERA designation is achieved by completing a variety of educational courses over multiple years taught by Auburn University's master's in public administration (MPA) faculty in partnership with the National Association of Election Officials. The program intends to professionalize the management of election administration, promoting and preserving public trust in the democratic process.

The graduation ceremony with 94 graduates was held in Orlando, Florida in August. According to The Election Center, there are 1,497 election officials and workers across the Country who have achieved the CERA/CERV status.

"I am excited to be one of the few individuals in the state to become a CERA graduate. Along with my fellow graduate, Ada County Election's Director, Saul Seyler, we will work to continue executing Ada County's safe and secure election process," Tripple said.

Tripple has been with the Ada County Clerk's Office since 2017 and was sworn in as Clerk in January 2023. He has played a vital part in the Ada County election process, working to create more trust in government.

Seyler became the Ada County Elections Director in 2020, immediately taking on one of the most complex election years the county has ever seen. He is consistently working to polish the existing election procedures and make voting smooth for every Ada County citizen.

If you would like to set up an interview to learn more, please contact Nicole Camarda at <u>ncamarda@adacounty.id.gov</u> or (208)-287-6898.

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