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Cabrillo College Announces Finalists for Position of Superintendent/President

Community-wide Forums Scheduled for November 29, Aptos Campus

APTOS, CA – Cabrillo College today announces that at the conclusion of a rigorous, national search process, the Superintendent/President Search Committee recommends five finalist candidates to present to the campus and local community. The Superintendent/President Search Committee includes two expert professional search consultants, representatives of Cabrillo’s Board of Trustees, representatives from each campus constituent group, faculty, staff, a student, and a member of the local community.

The five finalist candidates for the position of Superintendent/President of Cabrillo College are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- Susan Lamb, currently Interim Chancellor at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- Georgia Lorenz, currently Vice President of Academic Affairs, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA
- Kimberlee Messina, currently Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Planning at San Mateo Community College District, San Mateo, CA
- Melinda Nish, currently Executive Advisor to the President/Acting Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at the College of the Marshall Islands, Majuro, Marshall Islands
- Matthew Wetstein, currently Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction & Planning at San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA

Cabrillo College will hold campus-wide and community forums on Wednesday, November 29 in the Samper Music Recital Hall, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Members of the community are welcome to attend and admission is free. Parking in Lot L (adjacent to the Samper Recital Hall) will also be at no charge.

Each forum is 45 minutes long, with a 15-minute break in between. Candidates will be given the same two questions and will begin speaking for approximately 10 minutes while members of the audience complete index cards with questions of their own. Audience questions selected for presentation will then be read to the candidate for an impromptu Q&A, with the last five minutes reserved for a closing statement by each candidate. The Cabrillo Community College District Board of Trustees will conduct final, individual interviews of each candidate in a closed session on Thursday, November 30.

The forum schedule for each candidate is as follows (in chronological order):

- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Kimberlee Messina, currently Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Planning at San Mateo Community College District, San Mateo, CA
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Matthew Wetstein, currently Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction & Planning at San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA
- 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Susan Lamb, currently Interim Chancellor at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Melinda Nish, currently Executive Advisor to the President/ Acting Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at the College of the Marshall Islands, Majuro, Marshall Islands
- 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Georgia Lorenz, currently Vice President of Academic Affairs, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

"This has been a national search, with broad representation from all campus constituent groups - faculty, staff, administration, students, the Foundation, and the community were all represented on the committee," said Gary Reece, Cabrillo Trustee and Chair of the President/Superintendent Search Committee. "We are pleased with the extremely qualified pool of candidates, and we look forward to presenting this impressive slate of finalists to the Cabrillo and broader community and having the opportunity for open dialogue."

At the conclusion of the forums, each finalist candidate will meet with the Cabrillo College Board of Trustees for a final interview. The Board of Trustees is expected to make a decision on the final candidate in December and the new Superintendent/President of Cabrillo College will begin in his or her role based upon availability and the need to relocate.

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.