



## MJC Presidential Finalists Selected

September 20, 2005

MODESTO, CA – The Modesto Junior College (MJC) Presidential Search Committee has selected four finalists to become the next MJC President. The finalists are:

- Dr. Laura L. Douglas, Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services, Randolph Community College, Asheboro, North Carolina
- Dr. Hans J. Kuss, Vice-President, Educational Course Development, Wong Associates, Aliso Viejo, California
- Dr. John F. Garmon, former President, College of Alameda, Peralta Community College District, Berkeley, California
- Dr. Luke P. Robins, Executive Vice President for Instruction, National Park Community College, Hot Springs, Arkansas

The search committee was chaired by Dr. Carolyn Buck, Dean of Learning Support Services, Columbia College. The position has been recruited for extensively and advertised nationally. Initial interviews were completed September 15, 2005 and the names of the four finalists were forwarded to the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

Open forums for the finalists are being scheduled for September 26-29 at each of the two Modesto Junior College campuses. Each finalist will be given an opportunity to discuss their preparation for the position, their education and leadership philosophy, and will respond to questions from the forum attendees. Attendees will be given the opportunity to complete a comment card that will be given to the Yosemite Community College Board of Trustees. The forums will be open to the public.

The schedule and locations for the candidate forums are as follows:

**Scheduled Forums**

<b>Finalist</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>MJC-East Campus 435 College Avenue Modesto, CA Fireside Lounge</b>	<b>MJC-West Campus 2201 Blue Gum Avenue Modesto, CA Mary Stuart Rogers Student Center</b>
Dr. Luke Robins	Monday, September 26	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Dr. John Garmon	Tuesday, September 27	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Dr. Laura Douglas	Wednesday, September 28	11:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Dr. Hans Kuss	Thursday, September 29	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

**Finalist Profiles:**

Laura L. Douglas

Education:

- Ph.D. in Education, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, School of Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Master of Education, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, School of Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Master of International Administration, School for International Training, Brattleboro, Vermont
- B.A. Social Welfare, University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine

Professional Experience:

- Vice President of Instructional and Student Services, Randolph Community College, Asheboro, North Carolina (2001 – present).
- Planner for the Office of Planning and Governance, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan (1997–1998)
- Consultant for the Executive MBA for Health Care Professionals Program, University of Hartford, Connecticut (1997)
- Campus Dean and Head of Campus, Sullivan County Community College, Toyama, Japan Campus, State University of New York System (1994–1997)
- International Coordinator, Teikyo Post University (now Post University), Waterbury, Connecticut (1990–1994)

Hans J. Kuss

Education:

- Ph.D. in Educational Administration, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois (1985)
- M.S. in Educational Psychology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois (1983)
- B.S. in Business Administration, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois (1977)

Professional Experience:

- Vice President, Educational Program Development, Wong International, Aliso Viejo, California (2003 – present)
- Vice President for Instruction, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, California (2002-2003)

- President, Maysville Community College, Kentucky Community & Technical College System, Kentucky (1998-2001)
- Dean of Arts & Sciences, Triton College, River Grove, Illinois (1995-1998)
- Dean of Instruction, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas (1992-1995)
- Regional Data of Instructional Affairs, Ivy Tech College, Northwest, Gary, Indiana (1988-1992)

John F. Garmon

Education:

- Ph.D. in American & British Literature, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana (1979)
- M.A. in English, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas (1969)
- B.S. in English Education, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas (1968)

Professional Experience:

- President, College of Alameda, Peralta Community College District, Alameda County, California (2004–2005)
- President, Vista Community College, Berkeley, California (2001-2004)
- Executive Dean of Instruction and Student Services, Open Campus, Florida Community College, Jacksonville, Florida (1999-2001)
- Dean of English, Speech and Foreign Languages, Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon (1998-1999)
- Academic Vice President, Seminole Community College, Sanford, Florida (1996-1998)

Luke P. Robins

Education:

- Ph.D. in Educational Administration, Community College Leadership Program, The University of Texas at Austin (1996)
- M.S. in English, Community College Program, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois (1981)
- B.A., Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (1979)

Professional Experience:

- Executive Vice President for Instruction, National Park Community College, Hot Springs, Arkansas (2000 – present)
- Dean of Instruction, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho Falls, Idaho (1997–2000)
- Coordinator of Student Outcomes Assessment, Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming (1993-1994)

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