One Columbia College Presidential Finalist Withdraws

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MODESTO, CA – Dr. Jan Muto, one of four Columbia College presidential finalists has withdrawn her name from consideration. Dr. Muto stated she was greatly appreciative of the opportunity.

The three remaining candidates are:

- **Dr. Debra S. Daniels**, Vice President for Academics and Student Services, Polk Community College, Winter Haven, Florida
- **Dr. Kim Albert Myers**, Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Relations, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, California
- **Dr. Joan E. Smith**, Executive Vice President, Student Learning, Ventura College, Ventura, California

Open forums for the finalists are scheduled for September 6-7 in the Dogwood Forum building at Columbia College. 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 District Board of Trustees. The forums will be open to the public.

The schedule for the candidate forums are as follows:

**Wednesday, September 6:**
Dr. Joan E. Smith  3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Thursday, September 7:**
Dr. Debra S. Daniels  3:00 - 4:00 pm
Dr. Kim Albert Myers  4:30 – 5:30 pm

*Attached are photos of each candidate.*

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