



YCCD Chancellor Finalists Selected

April 3, 2007

MODESTO, CA – The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Chancellor Search Committee has selected two finalists to become the next YCCD Chancellor.

The finalists are:

- **Dr. D. Roe Darnell** - Superintendent/President, Taft College, West Kern Community College District, Taft, California
- **Dr. Mark J. Zacovic** - Superintendent/President, Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, San Jacinto California (currently on administrative leave)

The search committee was chaired by Dr. Rich Rose, current Modesto Junior College President and was conducted by Dr. Tom Van Groningen, a former YCCD Chancellor from 1976-1992. The position has been recruited for extensively and advertised nationally. Initial interviews were completed March 30, 2007 and the names of the two finalists have been forwarded to the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Chancellor and Board of Trustees. The successful candidate will replace current Interim Chancellor Dr. Stan Hodges who has served in an interim capacity since August 7, 2006.

Open forums for the finalists are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 9-10 at both Columbia and Modesto Junior College locations. 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:

Monday, April 9, 2007

Location: Columbia College (Manzanita Building, 18 Community Education Room)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Mark J. Zacovic

Location: Modesto Junior College, East Campus (Forum 102)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. D. Roe Darnell

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Location: Columbia College (Manzanita Building, 18 Community Education Room)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. D. Roe Darnell

Location: Modesto Junior College, East Campus (Forum 102)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Mark J. Zacovic

Finalist Profiles:

Dr. D. Roe Darnell

Education:

- Ed.D., University of La Verne, California
- M.A. in History, Pepperdine University, California
- B.A. in History, Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma

Professional Experience:

- Superintendent/President, Taft College, West Kern Community College District, Taft, California (2001 – present)
- President, Cerro Coso Community College, Ridgecrest, California (1995-2001)
- Chief Instructional Officer, Vice President of Instruction, Cerro Coso Community College, Ridgecrest, California (1981-1995)
- Associate Dean of Instruction, Cerro Coso Community College, Ridgecrest, California (1977-1981)
- Assistant Professor, Education and Director Off-Campus Operations, Pepperdine University, South Central LA Campus, California (1972-1977)

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic

Education:

- Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada
- M.B.A. in Administrative Management, Whittier College, California
- B.A. in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, California

Professional Experience:

- Superintendent/President, Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, San Jacinto California (2006 – 2007)
- Vice Chancellor, Business Operations & Fiscal Services, Rancho Santiago Community College District (1998-2006)
- Interim President, Santiago Canyon College, Rancho Santiago CCD (2001-2002)
- Vice President, Business Services, Lake Tahoe Community College, Lake Tahoe, California (1990-1998)
- Director of Administrative Services, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California (1985-1990)

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