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MJC Presidential Finalists Selected

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

The finalists (with most recent position held) are listed below:

- **Dr. Gaither Loewenstein**
(Vice President, Educational Services, Norco College - Norco, CA)
- **Kimberly A. Perry**
(Vice President, Academic Affairs, Los Angeles City College - Los Angeles, CA)
- **Dr. Mark J. Zacovic**
(Interim Vice President for Administrative Services, Pasadena Area Community College District - Pasadena, CA)

The search committee was chaired by Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Chancellor, Dr. Roe Darnell. The position has been extensively recruited for and advertised nationally. Initial interviews were completed February 20, 2010, and the names of the three finalists have been forwarded to the YCCD Board of Trustees.

Open forums for the finalists are scheduled for March 1-3 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, concluding with a time to 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:

Forum Schedule

<i>Finalist</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>MJC-West Campus 2201 Blue Gum Avenue Modesto, CA Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center</i>	<i>MJC-East Campus 435 College Avenue Modesto, CA Student Center Fireside Lounge</i>
Dr. Gaither Loewenstein	Monday March 1	9:00 - 10:15 am	1:30 - 2:45 pm
Dr. Mark J. Zacovic	Tuesday March 2	9:00 - 10:15 am	1:30 - 2:45 pm
Kimberly A. Perry	Wednesday March 3	9:00 - 10:15 am	1:30 - 2:45 pm

Profiles:

Dr. Gaither Loewenstein

Education:

- Ph.D. in Urban Affairs, University of Delaware - Newark, DE (1983)
- Masters degree in Urban Affairs, Wichita State University - KS (1980)
- B.S. in Public Administration, University of the Pacific, Stockton - CA (1979)

Professional Experience:

- Vice President, Educational Services, Norco College, Norco, CA (2006 – present)
- Dean, Social Sciences and Arts, College of the Desert, Palm Desert, CA (2005-2006)
- Vice President, Academic and Student Success, Barstow Community College, Barstow, CA (2002-2005)
- Dean of Instruction, Mendocino College, Ukiah, CA (1999-2002)
- Professor and Head, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, Holy Family College, Philadelphia, PA (1998-1999)
- Dean Of Instruction, Humphreys College, Stockton, CA (1994-1998)
- Planning Director, City of Escalon, Escalon, CA (1993-1995)
- Senior Planner, Neal Martin & Associates, San Carlos, CA (1989-1993)
- Advance Planner, San Joaquin County, Stockton, CA (1988-1989)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science/Assistant Director, Center for Urban and Public Affairs, Wright State University, Dayton, OH (1986-1988)
- Assistant Professor of Government, Lamar University, TX (1983-1986)

Kimberly A. Perry

Education:

- Candidate, Ed.D. in Higher Educational Administration and Leadership, University of the Pacific, Stockton - CA (current)
- M.A. in Education, University of California, Davis - CA (1984)
- B.S. in Agricultural Education, University of California, Davis - CA (1979)

Professional Experience:

- Vice President of Academic Affairs, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA (2009 – present)
- Vice President of Instruction, Reedley College, Reedley, CA (2003–2009)
- Dean of Instruction, Reedley College, Reedley, CA (2002-2003)
- Administrator, Vocational Education Services, Chancellor's Office – California Community Colleges, Sacramento, CA (2000-2002)
- Director, ED-Net Biological technologies, Ventura College, Ventura, CA (1997-2000)
- Interim Dean, Vocational Education & Applied Science, Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA (1995-1996)
- Vocational Education Specialist, Chancellor's Office – California Community Colleges, Sacramento, CA (1994-1997)
- Postsecondary Team Leader, National FFA Center, Alexandria, VA (1993-1994)
- Agriculture/Natural Resources Specialist, Chancellor's Office – California Community Colleges, Sacramento, CA (1988-1993)
- Continuing Education Specialist, UC Davis Kearney Agricultural Field Station, Parlier, CA (1986-1988)

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic

Education:

- Ph.D. in Educational Leadership (Higher Education emphasis), University of Nevada, Reno – NV (1997)
- M.B.A. in Administrative Management, Whittier College – CA (1982)
- B.A. in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara – CA (1977)

Professional Experience:

- Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, Pasadena Area Community College District, Pasadena, CA (2008-2009)
- Interim Vice Chancellor, District-wide Administrative Services, Contra Costa Community College District, Martinez, CA (2007-2008)
- Superintendent/President, Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, San Jacinto, CA (2006 – 2007)

- Vice Chancellor, Business Operations & Fiscal Services, Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santa Ana, CA (1998-2006)
- Interim President, Santiago Canyon College, Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santa Ana, CA (2001-2002)
- Vice President, Business Services, Lake Tahoe Community College, Lake Tahoe, CA (1990-1998)
- Director of Administrative Services, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA (1985-1990)

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