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Columbia College Presidential Finalists Selected

MODESTO, CA – The Columbia College Presidential Search Committee has selected five finalists who will participate in community open forums scheduled for December 2, 2013.

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

- **Dr. Leslie Buckalew - (December 2nd, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)**
(Interim President, Columbia College – Sonora, CA)
- **Dr. Anthony Miksa - (December 2nd, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**
(Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs, McHenry County College – Crystal Lake, IL)
- **Dr. Michael White - December 2nd, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.)**
(Vice President, Student Services, Reedley College – Reedley, CA)
- **Dr. Betty Inclan - December 2nd, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**
(Consultant, City College of San Francisco - San Francisco, CA)
- **Dr. Angela Fairchilds - December 2nd, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**
(President, Woodland Community College – Woodland, CA)

The search committee was co-chaired by Dr. Melissa Raby, Dean of Student Services, Columbia College and John Leamy, Math Professor, Columbia College. Mr. Stan Arterberry with Ralph, Andersen and Associates conducted the search. Initial interviews were completed November 23, 2013 and the names of the five finalists have been forwarded to the YCCD Board of Trustees.

Each open forum for the finalists is scheduled for December 2, 2013 in the Dogwood Theatre, Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora. The forums will begin at 8:00 a.m. lasting until 6:00 p.m.

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. The forums will be open to the public.

Profiles:

Dr. Leslie Buckalew

(Forum date/time: December 2nd, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)

Education:

- Ed.D in Higher Education Administration, University of Southern California
- M.P.H. in Public Health Education, California State University, Northridge
- B.S. in Physiological Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Professional Experience:

- Interim President, Columbia College – Sonora, CA (2013-present)
- Vice President of Student Learning, Columbia College – Sonora, CA (2012-2013)
- Director and Instructor of Record for International Business Plan Graduate Career and Academic Advisor, Monterey Institute of International Studies – Monterey, CA (2009-2011)
- Dean of Instruction for Vocational Education, Hartnell College – Salinas, CA (1990-1997)

Dr. Anthony Miksa

(Forum date/time: December 2nd, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Education:

- Ed.D. in Community College Leadership, National Louis University – Chicago, IL
- M.A. in Mathematics, University of Northern Iowa – Cedar Falls, IA
- B.A. in Mathematics, Mount Mercy College – Cedar Rapids, IA
- A.A. in Mathematics, Kishwaukee Community College – Malta, IL

Professional Experience:

- Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, McHenry County College – Crystal Lake, IL (2009-present)
- Dean of Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Health Professions, Elgin Community College – Elgin, IL (2006-2009)
- Dean of Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Health, Kishwaukee College – Malta, IL (2001-2006)
- Tenured Mathematics Instructor, Kishwaukee College – Malta, IL (1997-2001)

Dr. Michael White

(Forum date/time: December 2nd, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

Education:

- Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, California State University, Fresno
- M.S. in Physical Education, University of New Mexico
- B.A. in Political Science, University of California, Davis

Professional Experience:

- Vice President, Student Services, Reedley College – Reedley, CA (2013 – present)
- Interim President, Reedley College – Reedley, CA (2012-2013)
- Vice President of Student Services, Reedley College – Reedley, CA (2009-2012)
- Instructor, Coach, Department Chair - Reedley College – Reedley, CA (1990-2009)

Dr. Betty Inclan

(Forum date/time: December 2nd, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Education:

- Ph.D. in Educational Administration, University of Texas, Austin
- M.A. in English, Kent State University
- B.A. in English, University of Miami
- A.A. in English, Miami Dade College

Professional Experience:

- Consultant, City College of San Francisco – San Francisco, CA (July 2012-present)
- President, Berkeley City College – Berkeley, CA (2008-2012)
- Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Academic Affairs – Allan Hancock College – Santa Maria, CA (1993-2007)
- Division Dean of Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College – Modesto, CA (1991-1993)

Dr. Angela Fairchild

(Forum date/time: December 2nd, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

Education:

- Ph.D. in Higher Education, University of Arizona

- M.B.A. in Information Systems, Golden Gate University
- B.S. in Management, Golden Gate University

Professional Experience:

- President, Woodland Community College – Woodland, CA (2006-present)
- Executive Dean, Woodland Community College – Woodland, CA (2004-2006)
- Dean of Instruction, Yavapai College – Prescott, AZ and Campus Dean, Verde Valley Campus – Clarkdale, AZ (2000-2004)

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