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INTRADISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE

To: ALL STAFF
From: Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Chancellor
Date: March 16, 2017
Subject: **Open Forum – Cypress College President Finalists**

The finalists for Cypress College President will be at Cypress College to meet with staff, students and community members in an open forum:

Thursday, March 30, 2017
CCComplex 414
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.	Gregory Peterson, Ed.D. Vice President of Student Services, Long Beach City College
10:00 a.m.	Omid Pourzanjani, Ed.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Golden West College
11:00 a.m.	JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D. Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rio Hondo College
12:15 p.m.	Arvid Spor, Ed.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Citrus College
1:15 p.m.	Gregory Anderson, Ed.D. Vice President of Instruction, Canada College

After a short introduction each candidate will present a brief statement and then address questions. I would like to ask all staff to attend the forum and to be prepared with additional questions for the candidates. Faculty are encouraged to bring their students.

The Board will interview the finalists on March 31, 2017, and will make every effort to finalize the process and announce a decision shortly thereafter.



Cypress College President Candidate Biographies

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Dr. Gregory Peterson

As a first-generation community college student, Dr. Gregory Peterson has a passion and commitment to the community college and its mission of access and success for all. For the last eight years, he has served as the Vice President of Student Services at two Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) in California and is currently at Long Beach City College (LBCC), where he oversees all student services at two comprehensive campuses serving 30,000 students annually.

At LBCC, he co-leads the College's student success agenda; for the last five years, he has served as the co-chair of the Long Beach College Promise, oversaw the implementation of the nationally recognized Promise Pathways multiple measures assessment program, and has presented twice at the White House for both the President's Domestic Policy Council and the U.S. Department of Education. He has served on multiple state committees, is a member of Excelencia in Education's "Excelencia in Action" network, and was appointed by the Mayor of Long Beach to the City's My Brother's Keeper Taskforce.



Dr. Omid Pourzanjani

Dr. Omid Pourzanjani has been serving higher education for the past 35 years. His passion in life (besides his family) is to help improve people's lives through education. For the first 25 years of his career, he worked as a faculty member at three different higher education institutions in Southern California while concurrently serving in various leadership positions in high tech private industry. He has spent the past ten years building pathways to get students to jobs, whether directly from college or through transferring them as efficiently as possible to a program at a four-year university. He is currently the Vice President responsible for Academic Affairs at Golden West College.

Dr. Pourzanjani holds an AA Degree from Santa Monica College, a Master's in Computer Science and Engineering from CSU, Long Beach, and a Doctorate in Education from UCLA.

Dr. JoAnna Schilling

Dr. Schilling, currently serves as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Rio Hondo College, where she also previously served in multiple roles as the Dean of Arts and Cultural Programs, Continuing and Contract Education, and Interim Vice President, of Academic Affairs from 2006-2012. From 2012 to 2016, Dr. Schilling served at Cerritos College as Vice President of Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Schilling has a Doctorate in Education from Oregon State University, an MFA in Playwriting from Carnegie Mellon University, and a BA in English from Smith College. She currently serves as the co-chair on the Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory project (COCI) and also sits on the statewide Chief Instructional Officers (CIO) Executive Board representing the Orange County/Los Angeles County region. She is a staunch advocate for student success; under her leadership Cerritos was awarded two Gates Foundation grants to reduce textbook costs and support faculty in the development of OER materials. Schilling is an accomplished playwright and screenwriter, as well as a classically trained vocalist. Prior to her experience in higher education, she was a literary associate and educator in the professional conservatory at South Coast Repertory Theatre. She and her husband are strong supporters of the arts in their community.





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Dr. Arvid Spor

Dr. Arvid Spor is the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Citrus College. He began working for the college in 2012 as the Vice President of Student Services. From 2013 to 2015, he held the positions of Vice President of Student Services and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Spor has held leadership roles in accreditation for the past 11 years and planning for the past 15 years. Prior to working at Citrus College, Dr. Spor worked for El Camino College for 13 years, and CSU Long Beach for five years. He was also a part-time instructor at Cypress College in the mid-1990's. Dr. Spor's educational background includes a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC, a Masters in Counseling with a Career Specialization from CSU Long Beach, and two Bachelor of Science degrees from Oregon State University, in Business and Psychology. He started his academic journey at Portland Community College.



Dr. Gregory Anderson



Dr. Anderson's professional career has taken him around the world, teaching and directing programs at community colleges, universities, and K12 schools in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and South America. While on USC's faculty, he led major university initiatives. A former Peace Corp volunteer, Dr Anderson speaks several foreign languages, including Spanish, Japanese, French, and Sesotho.

Educational credentials include a Doctorate in Higher Education from USC, an MA in TESOL from the School for International Training, and two Bachelor's degrees from the University of Wisconsin. A frequent presenter at state and national conferences, he has authored various articles, recently contributing to *Engaging Diverse Populations: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Approaches*. Dr. Anderson also contributes at community, state, and national levels, as Vice President of the RP Group and serves on the Executive Board of the state's chief instructional officers. He has also served as a National Community College Scholar Fellow in Princeton, worked on chancellor's office committees, and been elected as board member of various professional groups.

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Please take a moment to leave your feedback for the Board of Trustee's consideration by accessing the Open Forum survey at: <http://tinyurl.com/zr67j3v> from a PC or mobile device. All responses are anonymous. The survey will close at 8:00 p.m. on March 30 to allow for compilation of responses. Thank you for your participation.