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Application Period for Polk State College Presidential Search Ends

Winter Haven, March 31, 2017 – The application period for the position of President of Polk State College ended Wednesday, March 29. The national search for Polk State College’s fifth president resulted in responses from 61 applicants from 24 states, Bermuda, and Scotland. The College received 20 applications from Floridians alone, including many from high-level administrators employed by other Florida College System institutions. Applicants include current college or campus presidents as well as provosts and vice presidents.

“This is a very impressive group of applicants,” said Dr. Jeff Hockaday, Polk State College’s search consultant. “Candidates of this caliber are responding because they are aware of Polk State’s reputation of academic excellence, and they are impressed with how Polk County supports its state college.”

The Polk State College [President Screening Committee](#) will begin a process to reduce the list of candidates to approximately 5 finalists for consideration by the Polk State College District Board of Trustees. The Screening Committee members were present at two community forums held earlier this year to hear about the desired attributes for the next Polk State College President. They will be asked to consider those comments as they narrow the field. Mark Turner, chairman of the committee and Vice Chair of the District Board of Trustees said, “I cannot stress enough how grateful we are to have the participation of the members of the screening committee in this very important process. I am confident that they will deliver to the Trustees an excellent slate of finalists who have the skills, experience and passion to take this College, and our county, to the next level of excellence.”

The Screening Committee will meet on April 5, April 17 and May 1 to complete their recommendations. It is expected that finalists will be announced in early May.

Updates regarding the search process are posted to the College’s Presidential search webpage: polk.edu/presidential-search/.

Located in Winter Haven, FL and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving over 20,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools. Polk State’s advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.

~Soar Eagles~

Polk State College
 Applicants for position of President of Polk State College

Candidate	Current or most recent title	Employer	Current city of residence
Allen, Jay	President/CEO	Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, KY
Banan, A	Executive Vice President, Education Research and Medical Affairs	Windsor University School of Medicine	Simpsonville, SC
Barlow, Douglas	Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences	Arkansas Tech University	Russville, AR
Behrens, Scott	Dean of Associate in Arts Programs	Hillsborough Community College	Tampa, FL
Bhattacharya, Som	Dean, School of Business	St. Thomas University	Weston, FL
Bonahue, Edward	Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs	Santa Fe College	Gainesville, FL
Boyer, Naomi	Vice President Strategic Initiatives & Innovation/Chief Innovation Officer	Polk State College	Polk City, FL
Boyers, Jayson	President, CEO	Cleary University	Howell, MI
Buckley, Lawrence	Interim Vice President of Educational Services	West Hills College Coalinga	Half Moon Bay, CA
Busceni, Paul	Dean, School of Education	Kendall College	Antioch, IL
Casey, Deborah	Vice President of Student Affairs	Green River College	Auburn, WA
Cotroneo, Keith	Chief Executive Officer	Mountwest Community and Technical College	Huntington, WV
Cundiff, William	Chief Operating Officer	Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group, LLP	Oceanside, NY
Day, Dani	Vice President Academic Services	Collin College -- McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen and Rockwall	Princeton, TX
Erwin, Steven	Vice President for Student Life	Pittsburg State University	Pittsburg, KS
Evelyn, Janet	Campus President	Ivy Tech Community College	South Bend, IN
Forgey, Glendon	former President	Trinity Valley Community College	Athens, TX
Garcia, Angela (Falconetti)	Vice President, Institutional Advancement	Virginia Western Community College	Roanoke, VA
Gordon, Kevin	Provost - Downtown/Midtown/Palladium	St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg, FL
Gough, Richard	President	Technical College of the Low Country, Beaufort, South Carolina	Beaufort, SC
Haeger, Loredana	Provost/ Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs	Baptist College of Health Sciences	Olive Branch, MS
Hawat, Gaby	Senior Vice President for Operations and Global Initiatives	Florida Institute of Technology	Windermere, FL
Hicks, D David	General Counsel/Chief Diversity Officer/VP of Legal Services & Public Safety	Dixie State University	St. George, UT
Hudson, William	former Interim Vice President Student Affairs	Florida A&M University	Quincy, FL
Janosky, Janine	Dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Services	University of Michigan - Dearborn	Dearborn, MI
Joseph, Ines	former Interim Vice President of Student Affairs	Palo Alto College	San Antonio, TX
Klauber, James	President	John C. Calhoun State Community College	Decatur, AL
Langdon, Steven	former Academic Vice President and Provost	Mercy College of Health Sciences	Anderson, IN
Lanouette, Paul	former Group Director of Education	Southern Technical College	Orlando, FL
Lee, Mark	former Resource Management Officer/Comptroller/Budget Officer, Lieutenant Colonel	United State Army, US Central Command	St. Petersburg, FL
McFadden, Calvin	Chief Student Affairs Officer	Norwalk Community College	Norwalk, CT
McKay, Scott	Dean, College of Science and Engineering	South Arkansas University	Magnolia, AR
Mongtomery, R. McAulay-Rieger	Director and Professor	University of the West Indies School of Dentistry	Scotland, UK
Moore, F L	President/Chief Executive Officer	Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College	Hamilton, TX
Natale, Ronald	Owner/Principal	Educational Management & Services	Lake City, FL
Neuhard, Ian	Campus President for South Campus	Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL
Nicotera, Phillip	President	Coleman College of Health Science, Houston Community College	Houston, TX
Nooks, Kirk	President	Metropolitan Community College - Longview, Lee's Summit	Lee's Summit, MO

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Ogaard, Louis	CEO	Tom and Borghild College (Bolivia)	Magna, UT
Okagbare, Abel	Campus Dean, Orlando and Jacksonville Campuses	Devry University/Keller Graduate School	Orlando, FL
Pecan, Reg	former President & CEO	North American University	Cypress, TX
Pomakoy, Keith	Interim Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs	Raritan Valley Community College	Annadale, NJ
Ray, Kenneth	Vice President of Student Services & Enrollment Management	Hillsborough Community College	Wesley Chapel, FL
Reddick, Niles	Vice Provost/Chief Administrative Officer	The University of Memphis -- Lambuth	Jackson, TN
Reiner, Michael	Consultant		Coral Gables, FL
Reyes, Saul	Vice President for Student Affairs	College of Central Florida	Lakeland, FL
Rhey, William	Associate Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development	Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland, FL
Rhodes, Shelton	President	Strategic Endeavor, LLC	Centreville, VA
Rios, Irene	Dean of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer	Naugatuck Valley Community College	West Haven, CT
Russell, Kimberly	Chancellor	Louisiana State University Eunice	Lafayette, LA
Sarkar, Amin	former Vice Chancellor, CEO and Chief Academic Officer	North South University (Dhaka, Bangladesh)	Huntsville, AL
Saunders, Kenneth	Executive Vice President	Nassau Community College	Freeport, NY
Simone, Carmen	President	Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad and Alamosa, CO	Trinidad, CO
Swan, George	Managing Director	GW Swan Group, LLC	Detroit, MI
Thomson, John	Campus President/College Vice President	Cuyahoga Community College	Sagamore Hills, OH
Van Den Hende, Mark	Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs	Bermuda College	Paget, Bermuda
Vassiliou, John	Associate Provost, Student Success	St. Thomas University	Miami, FL
Wiggins, Michael	former Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer	North Arkansas College	Warrensburg, MO
Wihbey, Jean	Vice President Workforce Development/Provost	Palm Beach State College	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Williams, Tonjua	Senior Vice President Student Services	St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg, FL
Witt, Allen	President Southshore Campus	Hillsborough Community College	Ruskin ,FL