

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

State Center Community College District released the names of the four finalists for the position of President at Fresno City College. The finalists are the result of a nationwide search conducted by the District. A search committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, administration, community members and a representative from the Board of Trustees narrowed the competition for the position to the following four final candidates: Dr. Kay Adkins, Dr. Cynthia Azari, Dr. Lori Gaskin and Dr. Tina Ludutsky-Taylor.

Dr. Kay Adkins currently serves as Provost of Columbus State Community College in Ohio. Dr. Adkins has held various administrative positions in the Florida and the Illinois community college systems. Dr. Adkins received a doctorate in Educational Administration from Illinois State University. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, both from Southern Illinois University, and an Associate of Science Degree from Shawnee Community College.

Dr. Cynthia Azari is the Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Educational Services at State Center Community College District. Prior to joining SCCCD, Azari served as President of Butler Community College in Butler, Pennsylvania. Dr. Azari has an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Seattle University, a Masters in Industrial Relation and a Masters in Education Administration from West Virginia University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government, with a minor in History from Houston College.

Dr. Lori Gaskin is currently the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services at Lake Tahoe Community College. Prior to her current position, she was the Dean of Instruction at the college. Dr. Gaskin holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts Degree in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dr. Tina Ludutsky-Taylor is currently a special adviser to the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Santa Fe Community College in New Mexico. Prior to her appointment at Santa Fe, Dr. Ludutsky-Taylor was the Vice President of Front Range Community College's Boulder County Campus in Longmont, Colorado. Dr. Ludutsky-Taylor received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education Administration and a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of New Mexico and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York College at Cortland.

All four candidates will participate in a public forum to be held on Thursday, November 13th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Fresno City College Health Science Building Forum Hall, Room 150. A detailed schedule will be released shortly.