Four Finalists Named in LDCC Chancellor Search

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Louisiana Delta Community College chancellor search committee, appointed by Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board Chair Kathy Sellers Johnson, has narrowed its field of candidates to four finalists. The 14-member search committee, which represents a cross-section of staff, faculty, students and community members, has invited the individuals to return to Monroe for final interviews on April 27 and to meet with college and community stakeholders.

“I am extremely grateful to the search committee for their commitment to LDCC and their hard work and thorough review in narrowing the strong pool of applicants to four highly qualified candidates,” said Johnson, who is also presiding over the search committee. “We were pleased to have so many qualified candidates from throughout the country express an interest in coming to LDCC to lead this institution in becoming a world-class community college, supporting the needs of the Northeast region of our state.”

During the final interviews, the four candidates will meet with community stakeholders, faculty, staff, students, and members of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors.

The committee chose the four finalists from a pool of nine semi-finalists that were identified on April 4. There was an original pool of 26 applicants. The finalists are:

- Thomas Kelly, academic dean, Hinds Community College, Raymond, Miss.
- James Martin, vice president for student affairs, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Fla.
- Andrea Lewis Miller, provost/executive vice president, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis, Tenn.

The LDCC search committee members are:

- Kathy Sellers-Johnson, LCTCS board chair from Alexandria.
- Carl Franklin, LCTCS board member from Shreveport.
- Edwards Barham, LCTCS board member from Oak Ridge.
- John Schween, Ouachita Economic Development District board member.
- Billy Duncan, Angus Chemical Sterlington director of manufacturing.
- Joe Lane, Delta business/technology academic coordinator.
- Carey Stickney, Delta dean of enrollment services.
- Mary Holmes, Delta Student Government Association member.
- Norene Smith, Louisiana Technical College vice chancellor.
- Jim Henderson, LCTCS senior vice president for work-force training.
- Angel Royal, LCTCS vice president for external affairs.
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- Dwight Vines, former University of Louisiana at Monroe president.
- LaVargne Gunn-Ford, former Monroe City Schools elementary supervisor.
- Mary Ann Newton, president, West Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

The LDCC chancellor search follows the December resignation of former Delta chancellor Dr. Lynn Kreider. Currently, Barry Delcambre is serving as interim chancellor for Delta.

Louisiana Delta Community College was established in 2001, and the college is currently experiencing a record spring enrollment with 1,035 students. LDCC is one of ten colleges within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. The LCTCS provides education and critical job training to address Louisiana’s workforce and business community needs.

For additional information about the LDCC Chancellor position, please visit www.lec.es.net or www.ladelta.cc.la.us.

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