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Community Invited to Attend Open Forums for Superintendent/President Finalists

Weed / COS – The community is invited to attend the public forums and meet the final candidates for the position of Superintendent / President of the College of the Siskiyous. The public forums are one of the final steps in a lengthy selection process, and are open to students, faculty, staff and community members. The public forums will take place Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. During the public forums, candidates will have the opportunity to share their visions for the College and answer questions from audience members. The public forums will be held at the Weed Campus in the Kenneth W. Ford Theater and will also be live-streamed via the college’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeoftheSiskiyous/>).

Final candidates who will participate in the public forums for the position of Superintendent/President include:

- Leslie Minor, Ph.D. - Vice President of Instruction - Taft College (9:00am to 10:00am)
- Mark Klever - Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs – College of the Siskiyous (10:15am to 11:15am)
- Char Perlas, Ph.D. – Interim Superintendent/President – College of the Siskiyous (11:30am to 12:30pm)

About the Finalists:



Dr. Leslie Minor has worked in higher education for the past three decades. She is originally from Washington State, where she completed a B.A. in Psychology at the University of Washington, Seattle; followed by M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Social Ecology completed at the University of California, Irvine. Her interdisciplinary graduate degrees included course work in psychology, sociology, environmental analysis, and social demography. For the past three years, Dr. Minor has been employed by Taft College as the Vice President of Instruction. During her time at Taft College, she has been working with faculty, staff, and administration on issues related to dual enrollment, creating a strategic enrollment management plan, building new certificate programs and transfer courses, updating processes and procedures, instituting faculty professional development opportunities, and creating a baccalaureate program in dental hygiene to submit for state approval. She also currently serves as the regional representative to the CIO Executive Board for the California Community Colleges.



Mark Klever is currently serving as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at College of the Siskiyous. Prior to him obtaining his current position, Mr. Klever served as Dean of Career and Technical Education and the Yreka Campus. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Agri-Business Management from California Polytechnic State University. During his five-plus years at COS, Mr. Klever has been committed to advocating for students and employees of College of the Siskiyous as well as building and maintaining relationships from Happy Camp to Tulelake and from Hornbrook to Dunsuir. As a leader on campus and in the community, he has a strong desire to use his education, experience, abilities, strong community relationships to bring College of the Siskiyous back to its community and serve as the next visionary leader this institution needs today.



Dr. Char Perlas is a Filipina-American and first in her family to graduate with a college degree. As a product of the California Community College system, her efforts have focused on creating the optimal learning environment for disproportionately impacted students. She holds a Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Leadership in Higher Education from Capella University, a Master of Public Administration from CSU East Bay, a Master of Science in Counseling from CSU Sacramento and a Bachelor of Art in Psychology from Fresno State University. With 23 years of professional experience in the California Community College system, Dr. Perlas has served in many roles... as tenured faculty, program manager, accreditation lead and administrator. Dr. Perlas joined College of the Siskiyous (Siskiyous) in July of 2019 as the Vice President of Academic Affairs where she contributed to equity efforts through her leadership with the Enrollment Management, Guided Pathways and Social Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (SJEDI) committees. Dr. Perlas has been serving as the Acting-Interim Superintendent/President for the past 14 months. During this time, she has provided leadership in the development of the ACCJC Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER), Integrated Planning Guide and the revision of the Strategic Enrollment Management plan all while, simultaneously, managing a global pandemic.

For information about the search process or the public forums, contact the College of the Siskiyous Human Resources Department by calling (530) 938-5317 or email bmuelrath@siskiyous.edu. The College may also be reached by calling toll-free (888) 397-4339.