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TOP STORY

PSC campus president candidates narrowed down to 5

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WVU Potomac State College

KEYSER, W.Va. (WV News) - The search for a new campus president for WVU Potomac State College has been narrowed down to five candidates, and those five were in Keyser recently to meet with faculty, staff, alumni and the public.

Finalists for the position include: Andrea J. Bucklew of Tunnelton, West Virginia; Kristin L.

Mallory of Salisbury, Maryland; Steve Rook of Malvern, Arkansas; Jared R. Tice of Salisbury, North Carolina; and Jerry D. Wallace of Danville, Virginia.

The chosen candidate will fill the position left empty by the January resignation of Chris Gilmer. Since his resignation, WVU vice provost Paul Kreider has been serving as interim campus president.

Andrea Bucklew is currently serving as chief of staff at Wheeling University in Wheeling, West Virginia, and since 2020 has also served as a national reader for the Association of College and University Educators. She was interim president at Alderson-Broaddus University from May to August 2023, and prior to that was provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Alderson-Broaddus.

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Kristin Mallory is currently vice president for Academic Affairs at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Maryland - a position she has held since 2017. Prior to that she served as senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, and then provost, at BridgeValley Community and Technical College in South Charleston, West Virginia.

Steve Rook is chancellor at Arkansas State University, Three Rivers, Arkansas, and served as president of the College of the Ouachitas, Malvern, Arkansas.

Other positions he has held include vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Rich Mountain Community College, Mena, Arkansas; and interim president, also at Rich Mountain Community College.

Jared Tice is currently senior vice president and chief strategy officer for Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. He has been with Catawba since 2018, and has also worked as senior vice president for the college experience and dean of students.

He also served as dean of students and director of new student programs, student activities, Greek Life and intramural sports at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina

Jerry Wallace is currently president of Danville Community College of Danville, Virginia. Prior to that, he was campus president and division vice president at Nebraska Central Community College in Hastings, Nebraska, and dean of Workforce, Technical and Community Education at New River Community and Technical College, Beckley, West Virginia.

The search committee for the PSC campus president will use information gathered during the candidates' visit to the Keyser campus - including feedback from the campus and community members who attended the meet—and-greets - to narrow the field of candidates down to two. Those two candidates will have follow-up interviews in Morgantown within the next two weeks.

It is expected that a final decision will be made soon after those interviews.

