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## BMCC announces four finalists for new President

PENDLETON, Ore. – After a nationwide search, Blue Mountain Community College’s Presidential Search Committee has narrowed its candidates for a new president down to four finalists, and invites the community to meet each of them in February. The committee includes BMCC Board of Education members, faculty, staff, students and community members from throughout BMCC’s three-county district.

All four candidates will visit the Pendleton campus for a full day of interviews, forums with faculty, staff, students, the Board of Education, and community members, and tours of the campus and Pendleton. Each of the community forums will be held from 5:20-6 p.m. in Morrow Hall room 100 on the Pendleton campus.

### **February 5: Dr. Anthony Rosilez**

Dr. Rosilez currently serves as the Executive Director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), where he participates in many legislative hearings and state workgroups on education. As a member of the Education Cabinet, his efforts have been focused on supporting students along their learning pathways into workforce and academia. Prior to his position at TSPC, Dr. Rosilez was the Vice President of Student and Personnel Services at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls, Ore. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Rosilez believes success for the community college student is success for the community.

### **February 7: Jeff Sherman**

Mr. Sherman received his Master of Science in Agricultural Education from Oregon State University. He is currently the Assistant Director for Oregon State University Extension Service-Strategic Innovation and Statewide Director, where he aligns, leverages, and generates resources to support programming with K-12 and community college partners to increase educational access, community engagement, and workforce training. One of his leadership roles is to direct the Open Campus and Juntos programs, which

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intentionally collaborate and coordinate with school districts and community colleges to serve the most underserved students. In 2018, Mr. Sherman and his team received the OSU Vice Provost Award for Excellence in Diversity for their work in underserved communities. Mr. Sherman sees the most important roles of his career revolving around development of organizational culture, positive relationships to communities and partners, trust building, and laughter.

**February 11: Dennis Bailey-Fougner**

Mr. Bailey-Fougner received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, his Master of Education from Wichita State University, and his Doctor of Education (ABD) in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University. Mr. Bailey-Fougner most recently worked for Colorado Mesa University as Vice President, Community College Affairs. At CMU, Mr. Bailey-Fougner supervised the community college division, which was seeing a decline in enrollment. Through the rebuilding of programs, adding new programs, and expanding into new areas, enrollment is beginning to slowly grow. This growth took planning and hard work by the entire campus and community partners. Only working through shared governance could everyone be on-board and rowing in the same direction. Bringing education to rural, first-generation, and underrepresented students and their families is his passion.

**February 12: Dr. George McNulty**

Dr. McNulty received his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is currently the Vice President of Student Affairs at Colby Community College in Colby, Kan. In this position, Dr. McNulty provides vision, strategic direction, organization, leadership, and supervision for a diversity of services and programs to promote success and the holistic experience of students. At Colby Community College, he has been able to contribute to facility development, teaching, institutional effectiveness, fundraising, marketing, strategic planning and advanced involvement within the communities and with the constituencies the college serves. Dr. McNulty has found that an environment based on collaboration and consistent communication is essential to inspiring and developing teams that achieve goals.

BMCC appreciates input from the community in this process, and encourages participation in the community forums. The BMCC Board of Education expects to receive a recommendation from the Presidential Search Committee soon after the February visits in an effort to make its final selection at the March 13 Board meeting.

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