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COA's Presidential Search is Narrowed to Top Six Candidates

College of The Albemarle's Presidential Search Committee has completed its work in finding COA's ninth president. Beginning with 57 applications, the Search Committee narrowed the field to 26 applicants. From there, these 26 individuals were narrowed down to twelve. After viewing DVD's submitted by the twelve applicants, the Search Committee brought the final number down to six candidates.

College of The Albemarle's Board of Trustees now take over the process and will interview all six candidates during the weeks of January 11th and 18th and expect to name COA's new President in February.

The names and biographies of the final six candidates are as follows:

Dr. Edythe M. Abdullah has served as Campus President of Florida State College (Downtown Campus) at Jacksonville since 2001. Prior her current position, she served the College as the Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Adult Education from 1999-2001. From 1998-1999, she served as the Interim Associate Vice President of Program Development and Support at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. From 1994-1998, she served the College as the Dean of Instruction for Program Development. In addition to Dean of Instruction responsibilities, she served as the Special Assistant to the President in 1995. From 1989-1994, Dr. Abdullah served as the Assistant Instructional Dean of Adult Instruction and Program Development/Adult Studies for the College. From 1986-1989, she served as the College's Assistant Instructional Dean for the Open Campus. Dr. Abdullah earned a Bachelors Degree in both Religious Studies and Communications from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. She earned a Jurist Doctorate from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Dr. Kandi W. Deitemeyer has served as Vice President of Academic Programs and Services at Davidson County Community College in Lexington, North Carolina since May 2008. Prior to her current position, she served as the College Provost for Gateway Community and Technical College in Covington, Kentucky from 2006-May 2008. She served as Vice President of Student Services from 2005-2006 and Dean of Student Services from 2003-2005 at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, North Carolina. From 2000-2001, she served as the Director of Education Programs at the University of South Florida in Lakeland. Prior to that position, she served the University as the Director of Academic Programs from 1999-2000. From 1997-1999, she served as the Assistant Director of Student Services at Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Florida. From 1992-1997, she served the College as the Coordinator of Academic Advising & Advisor. Dr. Deitemeyer earned a Bachelors Degree in Mass Communications & Public Relations, a Masters Degree in Counselor Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Dr. Paula M. Gastenveld has served as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Workforce, Academic and Student Affairs at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System office in Versailles, Kentucky since 2009. Prior to her current position, she served as the President of Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, Kentucky from 2007-2009. From 2003-2007, she served as the Provost of the West Campus for Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida. She served as a Special Assistant to the Chancellor for the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education from 2002-2003. From 2001-2002, she served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Massachusetts Bay Community in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. She served as the Dean of Academic affairs for Greenfield Community College in Greenfield, Massachusetts from 1998-2001. Dr. Gastenveld earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Occupational Safety and Health and a Specialist

in College Teaching Degree from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. She earned a Doctorate of Education degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Pamela T. Hilbert has served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pitt Community College in Greenville, North Carolina since June 2006. Prior to her current position, she served as the Vice President of Instruction and Student Support at Carteret Community College in Morehead City from 1999-2006. She served as the Dean of the Evening Division for Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh from 1996-1999. She served as the Recruiter/Instructional Supervisor for Wake Technical Community College from 1989-1996. From 1986-1989, she served as an Adjunct Instructor of Adult Basic Education and GED courses for Wake Technical Community College. She served as a Teacher and Communication Skills Specialist for Fuller Elementary Gifted and Talented Magnet School in Wake County from 1986-1989. Dr. Hilbert earned a Bachelors Degree in Theater Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She earned a Masters Degree in Adult and Community College Education and a Doctorate of Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Dr. Terrie M. Kelly has served as the Vice President for Enrichment Services at Tri-County Community College in Murphy, North Carolina since March 1997. In addition, she currently serves an Adjunct Faculty for the Masters Degree in Education Program at Piedmont College. Prior to her current position, Dr. Kelly served as the Marketing Manager and Internet Services Manager of Grove Enterprises from 1994-1996. She served as the Development Manager for the John C. Campbell Folk School from 1990-1994. She was a self-employed consultant and small business owner from 1985-1990. From 1976-1985, she served as the Director of Community Development for the Lower Chattahoochee Planning and Development Commission in Columbus, Georgia. Dr. Kelly earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Planning and Development and a Master of Science in Administration Degree from Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia. A Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership was earned at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle has served as the President of Florida Keys Community College in Key West, Florida since April 2007. Prior to her current position, she served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania from 2003-2007. She served as the Dean of Student Affairs at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana from 1997-2003. From 1996-1997, she served as the Dean of Students at the University of Judaism in Bel Air, California. Prior this position, she served the University as the Director of Campus Activities & Residential Life from 1995-1996. During this time, she also served as an Instructor for the University. She served as the Assistant Residence Director for the University of Massachusetts in Amherst from 1987-1989 and then served as the Residence Director from 1989-1991. She also served as an Instructor for the University of Massachusetts from 1987-1991. Dr. Landesberg-Boyle earned her Bachelors Degree in Psychology, Masters in Education Degree in Development and Applied Group Studies, and Doctorate in Organizational Development and Applied Group Studies at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

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