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Cuesta's Presidential Search Open to Public at Forum on October 18

Cuesta College's search for the next President/Superintendent will invite community participation on October 18 when the final four candidates for the position will participate in a presidential forum.

The forum will be held on Cuesta College's San Luis Obispo campus in room 5401 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Each candidate will have 50 minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions from the campus community and attendees. Parking permits will not be required to park on campus the day of the forum. The proceedings will also be broadcast by AGP Video on Charter Cable Channel 21 at 6 p.m. that evening.

On October 22, the candidates will be interviewed by the San Luis Obispo Community College District Board of Trustees.

Presidential Candidate Finalists in Order of Appearance:



Steve Maradian has held a variety of teaching and leadership positions in community colleges for the past 30 years. He has served as president of four community colleges, including Los Angeles City College. He holds a doctorate in future studies and community college leadership and teaches marketing and leadership courses.



Dave Pelham served as the Vice President for Student Services at Lake City Community College in Florida before becoming Vice President for Academic Affairs at Spartanburg Technical College in South Carolina in 1999. He has worked as the Superintendent/President of College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif. since 2002. He graduated from Brevard Community College and attended Carson Newman College on a debate scholarship, completing his graduate studies at Morehead State University and Wayne State University.



Bob Harris has been the CEO and Executive Director for the Capital Unity Council since August 2005 and the Vice Chancellor of Student Services for the Los Rios Community College District since January 2005. He was also the President of Sacramento City College from 1987 to January 2005. He received his undergraduate degree from UCSB and his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Kansas.



Paul McCarthy taught English at several community colleges in the Seattle area before being chosen as Dean of Humanities and International Programs at North Seattle Community College. He became College Vice President of El Centro College in Dallas in 1997 and President of Prairie State College in Illinois in August of 2000. He earned his BA, MA and Ph.D. in English from Aquinas College and Michigan State University.

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