

CWI to bring final 5 presidential candidates to area in June

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NAMPA — The College of Western Idaho has narrowed its presidential search to five candidates. The candidates will visit students, faculty, staff and the public on June 2 and 3.

A 15-member committee of Treasure Valley residents,

facilitated by national executive search firm Cizek Associates, narrowed down the list of finalists.

“... Because we are a community college, we are eager to have the finalists meet the community, and the public is invited to participate in a public forum with each candidate and submit feedback to the

board,” CWI Board of Trustees member Mark Dunham said.

The candidates are:

■ **Dr. Paula Gastenveld**, president of Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Ky.

■ **Dr. Berton L. Glandon**, president of Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, Colo.

■ **Peter A. Gustaf**, president

of Wichita Area Technical College, Wichita, Kan.

■ **Dr. Linda Simmons**, district vice president for academic and student affairs, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio.

■ **Dr. Susan J. Wolff**, chief academic officer of Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, Ore.

Candidate interviews

All CWI presidential candidate interviews will be at the Coronado Room of the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 1789 S. Eagle Road, Meridian.

June 2

- Gustaf, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Gastenveld, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Simmons, 7:30-8:15 p.m.

June 3

- Glandon, 6-6:45 p.m.
- Wolff, 7-7:45 p.m.

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**Paula
Gastenveld**

Before coming to Owensboro, **Dr. Paula Gastenveld** was provost of the West Campus of Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla. Prior to coming to Valencia, she held chief academic officer positions at two

Massachusetts community colleges. From 1993-1998, she led the division of Health Careers and Sciences and Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland. She holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Vanderbilt University, a master's in occupational safety and health from Murray State University and a bachelor's in dental hygiene from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Berton L. Glandon has been

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Berton L. Glandon

president of Arapahoe Community College since 2002. Prior to that he was president of Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., for nine years. He also served as associate dean of instruction and acting dean of faculty at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash.; a variety of positions at South Seattle Community College, including director of the Washington Business Enterprise Program, intern to the dean of instruction, director of business and industry relations, executive director of the SSCC Foundation, director of grants and contract and director of development and community relations. He holds a bachelor's degree



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**Peter A. Gustaf**

in business and a master's in communication from Western Washington University, as well as a doctorate in educational administration from Brigham Young University.

Peter A. Gustaf

has been the president of Wichita Area Technical College since 2007. Previously, he served as the executive director of the Kansas Technical Training Initiative. Before coming to KTTI, Gustaf was the president of the South Dakota State Board of Education; he served concurrently as director of a small business development center for the University of South Dakota and as an independent business management consultant. He received his bachelor

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of science degree from South Dakota State University, a master's in management and information systems from Dakota State University and an executive master's of business administration from Wichita

Linda Simmons

State University.

Dr. Linda Simmons has been the district vice president for academic and student affairs at Cuyahoga Community College for six years. Before arriving at Cuyahoga, she served as executive director for strategic initiatives at Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore. She was the director of student financial aid at Lane, Central Oregon Community College and Grossmont College

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**Susan Wolff**

in California. She holds a doctorate in educational administration from Oregon State University, a master's degree in counseling from San Diego State University, and a bachelor's degree in business administration and

psychology from Linfield College.

Dr. Susan Wolff previously held positions at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Ore.; Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.; Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., and Columbia Gorge Community Center in The Dalles, Ore. Wolff holds a doctorate in community college leadership from Oregon State University and received a bachelor's degree from Montana State University.

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