



**DATE:** October 14, 2024  
**TO:** Allegany College of Maryland  
**FROM:** Kim Leonard, Chair, Board of Trustees, Allegany College of Maryland  
**RE:** Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected four finalists for the President of ACM. We would like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next President. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, dedication, and effort.

**The Allegany College of Maryland President finalists are (in alphabetical order):**

**Kurt Hoffman, Ed.D.**, is the Senior Vice President of Instructional and Student Affairs at Allegany College of Maryland. Previously, Dr. Hoffman served as the Chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Allegany College of Maryland. He earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Frostburg State University, a master's degree in Psychology from Sonoma State University, a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Arizona State University, and an associate's degree in Arts from Scottsdale Community College.

**David Jones** is the Vice President of Advancement and Community Relations and the Executive Director of the ACM Foundation at Allegany College of Maryland. Previously, Mr. Jones served as an Education Program Specialist at the United States Department of Education. He earned a master's degree in Education from Frostburg State University, and a bachelor's degree in Social Science from Frostburg State University.

**Kristin Mallory, Ed.D.**, is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wor-Wic Community College in Maryland. Previously, Dr. Mallory served as the Provost of BridgeValley Community and Technical College in West Virginia. She earned a Doctor of Education from Marshall University, a master's degree in Education from Salisbury State University, a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from West Liberty State College, and an associate's degree in Dental Hygiene from West Liberty State College.

**Thomas Striplin, Ed.D.**, is the President of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in West Virginia. Previously, Dr. Striplin served as the Dean of Arts & Sciences at Allegany College of Maryland. He earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Frostburg State University, a master's degree in Education from Frostburg State University, a bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy from Salisbury State University, and an associate's degree in Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy from Hudson Valley Community College.



**Public forums will take place the week of October 28 and November 4, and each candidate will participate in two (2) 60-minute open forums. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in the open forums.**

Forums will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. Forums will be conducted in-person in the Dr. Robert Zimmer Theatre, College Center, Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland, Maryland. All who attend will be asked to complete a feedback form and the completed forms will be given to the Board of Trustees for their review.

### **Open Forum Schedule**

#### **Location for all Open Forums:**

Allegany College of Maryland, Dr. Robert Zimmer Theatre, College Center, Cumberland Campus  
12401 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502

#### **Monday, October 28, 2024:**

***Dr. Thomas Striplin***

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Thursday, October 31, 2024:**

***Dr. Kurt Hoffman***

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Monday, November 4, 2024:**

***Dr. Kristin Mallory***

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, November 6, 2024:**

***Mr. David Jones***

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

We are looking forward to a successful completion of the Presidential search process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant: Julie Golder, J.D., ACCT Search Consultant, [jgolder@acct.org](mailto:jgolder@acct.org), (202) 775-4466