Public invited to meet Kapiʻolani CC chancellor finalists

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Four finalists for the Kapiʻolani Community College chancellor position have been selected by University of Hawaiʻi Vice President for Community Colleges Erika Lacro based on recommendations by the chancellor search advisory committee. These finalists will participate in a final round of interviews that include a public forum for each candidate on October 13 on campus in Ohia 118.

The chancellor reports to Lacro, who welcomes feedback on each finalist's forum session.

“UH faculty, staff, students and the public are encouraged to meet and learn more about the candidates at open forums at Kapiʻolani CC,” said Lacro.

Following the visits and review of the feedback from the chancellor search advisory committee and others, Lacro plans to submit a recommendation for this appointment to UH President David Lassner.

Open forum schedule:
Thursday, October 13, 2022
Ohia 118, Kapiʻolani Community College

Candidates

Kendricks Hooker [12:45-1:45 pm]

- Currently, vice president of academic affairs, Southwest Tennessee CC
- Dean of school of health education and associate dean of school of arts & sciences, Madison Area Technical College, WI
- Chair of biomedical sciences and professor of biology, Baptist College of Health Sciences, TN
- More than 20 years of higher education experience

Hooker holds a doctorate of philosophy in urban higher education from Jackson State University, Mississippi; master of business administration from Bethel University, Tennessee; master of science and bachelor of science in biology from Jackson State University, and associate of arts in biology from Coahoma Community College, Mississippi.
Karen Lee [10:15 – 11:15 am]

- Current interim chancellor, Honolulu CC
- Vice chancellor of academic affairs, Honolulu CC
- Associate vice president & executive director of P-20 Partnerships for Education, associate vice president for student affairs, and executive assistant to the president, University of Hawai‘i System
- Undergraduate coordinator, Shidler College of Business, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Assistant dean of students, Office of the Dean of Student Affairs; and senior assistant director & assistant director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Columbia University, NY
- Assistant dean of admissions and admission counselor, Colgate University, NY
- More than 29 years of higher education experience

Lee holds a doctorate of education in education leadership administration from the University of Southern California, and master of arts in higher education administration and bachelor of arts in mathematics from Columbia University, New York.

Charles Sasaki [11:30 am – 12:30 pm]

- Currently, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Windward CC
- Dean of academic affairs, Windward CC
- Dean of arts & sciences, Kapi‘olani CC
- Associate & assistant vice president of student affairs, and dean of academic advising and personal counseling, Hawai‘i Pacific University
- Associate dean of students, Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Native Hawaiian outreach coordinator, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Associate dean of student learning for integrated studies, Cascadia CC, WA
- Director of instructional development and diversity services, North Seattle CC, WA
- Department chair of social and cultural studies and professor, Yakima Valley CC, WA
- Lecturer and adjunct at California State University Long Beach and California Community Colleges
- More than 28 years of higher education experience
Sasaki has completed doctoral coursework in American studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He holds a master of arts in comparative culture from the University of California, Irvine; and a bachelor of arts in history from the University of California, Riverside.

**Misaki Takabayashi [2:00-3:00 pm]**
- Currently, associate vice president/vice dean of graduate school, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University, Japan
- Interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, associate dean, college of arts & sciences, department chair, marine science, and professor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo
- More than 20 years of higher education experience

Takabayashi holds a doctorate of philosophy in marine science from the University of Queensland, Australia; master of science in biology and bachelor of science in biology from University of Sydney, Australia; and associate of applied science in Hawaiian Studies from Hawai'i CC.

For more information on the Kapi'olani CC chancellor position, see: [kapiolani.hawaii.edu/chancellor-search](kapiolani.hawaii.edu/chancellor-search)