



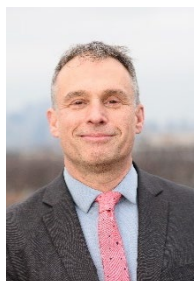
DATE: October 5, 2021
TO: Essex County College
FROM: Marion A. Bolden, Chair, Board of Trustees
RE: Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Essex County College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected three (3) finalists for the presidency of Essex County College. 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 thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional work and effort.

The Essex County College presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):



Augustine Boakye, Ph.D., is Interim President of Essex County College in Newark, NJ. He previously served as Acting Dean of Liberal Arts and Business at Essex County College in Newark, NJ. Dr. Boakye earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from the University of Dundee in Dundee, UK; a Master of Arts in Education - ICT from Brunel University in London, UK; and a Bachelor of Education in Social Sciences and Economics from the University of Cape Coast in Cape Coast, Ghana.



David Potash, Ph.D., is President of Wilbur Wright College, City College of Chicago, in Chicago, IL. He previously served as Chief Academic Officer at Curry College in Milton, MA. Dr. Potash earned a Doctor of Philosophy in from Cambridge University in the University of Cambridge, UK; a Master of Arts in History from New York University in New York, NY; and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy from Rice University in Houston, TX.



Wendy Wilson, Ed.D., is Chief of Staff/Vice President of University Relations at Albany State University in Albany, GA. She previously served as the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs at Albany State University in Albany, GA. Dr. Wilson received a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Leadership in Higher Education from Columbus State University in Columbus, GA; a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI; and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Development at Bluefield College in Bluefield, VA.

The long version of finalists' biographies is posted on the College website.

Public forums will take place on **October 18, 20, and 21**; each candidate will participate in two forums as indicated in the schedule attached to this announcement. We invite and encourage everyone (faculty, administrators, staff, students and the general public) to participate in the open forums; you are welcome



to attend either or both forums scheduled each day. No RSVP is needed. Forums will be virtual or you are welcome to attend in-person in Smith Hall located in the A. Zachary Yamba building. For those who attend in person, social distancing and mask usage guidelines will be observed. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by the candidate's opening remarks, then a question-and-answer session. Please email questions you would like to be asked of the candidates to Ms. **Yvette Henry**, Executive Director of Human Resources, yhenry@essex.edu, by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15th.

All forum attendees (virtual or in person) will be asked to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees via an online survey at the conclusion of each forum. Links to the surveys are provided in the forum schedule below. The online survey process for each candidate will remain available for completion until 10:00 am EST the following day.

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 Consultants:

- Debbie DiThomas, Ed.D., ACCT Search Consultant, ddithomas5@gmail.com, or (951) 961-6533 (mobile)
- Julie Golder, J.D., Vice President of Search Services, jgolder@acct.org, or (202) 775-4466 (office)



Open Forum Schedule

Virtually: as listed below

In Person: Essex County College – Smith Hall
303 University Avenue, Newark, NJ

(Masks /Face Coverings and Social Distancing will be Observed)

Monday, October 18, 2021 - Dr. David Potash

10:00 am:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/93872889859>

Or by telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 938 7288 9859 when prompted

2:00 pm:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/93872730963>

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 938 7273 0963 when prompted

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-potash>

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - Dr. Augustine Boakye

10:00 am:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/99489396754>

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 994 8939 6754

2:00 pm:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/98554605815>

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 985 5460 5815

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-boakye>

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Dr. Wendy Wilson

10:00 am:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/99208216632>

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 992 0821 6632

2:00 pm:

Link to join virtually: <https://essex-edu.zoom.us/j/91501395282>

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, then enter Webinar ID: 915 0139 5282

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-wilson>