

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

President Search

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Search Update

The Los Angeles Community College District's (LACCD) Chancellor, Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, is pleased to announce that the Search Committee for Los Angeles City College (LACC) President has identified finalists for the next permanent President of LACC. Chancellor Rodriguez extends his sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the LACC President Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Melinda Nish, and comprised of members representing a cross-section of LACC stakeholders and constituencies.

The District Human Resources Division worked closely with the consultant from executive search firm Community College Search Services (CCSS), in conducting this national search, which resulted in a diverse and highly qualified pool of applicants. The Search Committee has recommended the following finalists to the Chancellor for further consideration: **Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Erika Endrijonas, Dr. Amanuel Gebru, and Dr. James Lancaster.**

The Chancellor is expected to interview the finalists in the last week of April and the Board of Trustees is expected to thereafter, formally announce the selected candidate.



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Public Forums

Public Forum with Finalists

Finalists have been invited to participate in person in a public forum to introduce themselves to the LACC community. Each candidate is scheduled to appear at a public forum on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**.

The public forum will also be livestreamed at the below link:

<https://youtube.com/live/SQVbsJ6Wmrk?feature=share>

Public Forum Location and Schedule

The public forum, will be moderated by the Los Angeles Community College District Director of Communications and Marketing, Juliet Hidalgo.

Forum Location:

HAMC - Herb Alpert Music Center

Finalist are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 27, 9:00 – 9:30 am

Finalist: Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay

Thursday, April 27, 9:45 – 10:15 am

Finalist: Dr. James Lancaster

Thursday, April 27, 10:30– 11:00 am

Finalist: Dr. Erika Endrijonas

Thursday, April 27, 11:15 – 11:45 am

Finalist: Dr. Amanuel Gebru



Candidate Bios

Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay

Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay has been a transformational leader at Cypress, Columbia and Modesto Junior Colleges. He served as a community college President from July 2018. He was the Executive Vice President of Cypress College from July 2013 to July 2018. A first-generation immigrant, Dr. Bandyopadhyay earned his MBA and Ph.D. degrees at Ohio University after a successful career in teaching and market research in India.

He has demonstrated success in the areas of improving equity, diversity and social justice on campus; innovative use of technology; partnership development; experiential learning ([Invention Education](#)); construction projects; labor negotiations; and fundraising. He has a successful record of advocacy with legislative bodies. He was involved in leading national initiatives such as "Achieving the Dream" and "Survey of Entering Student Engagement".



Dr. Erika Endrijonas

Dr. Erika Endrijonas has served as the Superintendent/President of Pasadena City College since January 2019. She previously served as President of Los Angeles Valley College in the Los Angeles Community College District for 4 ½ years. Prior to that, she served as Executive Vice President of Oxnard College in the Ventura County Community College District for 5 years, where she was the Chief Instructional Officer, the Chief Student Services Officer, and the Accreditation Liaison Officer. Her community college experience also includes 9 years as the Career and Technical Dean at Santa Barbara City College.

Dr. Endrijonas holds a Bachelor's degree in History from California State University, Northridge, and Master's and Ph.D. degrees in American and Women's History from the University of Southern California.



Candidate Bios

Dr. Amanuel Gebru

Dr. Amanuel Gebru is the Vice President of Student Support at Moorpark College, a top ten Aspen Award-winning institution, where he provides leadership and supervision for multiple instructional and student support programs. Dr. Gebru is a student-centered, equity-minded professional with over 19 years of progressively responsible leadership, and has committed his career to serve diverse populations.

He is passionate about access, advancing racial equity, and increasing student achievement. He has a strong interest in addressing issues pertaining to retention, particularly among African American and Latino males, and disproportionately impacted students. He is the President of African American Male Education Network and Development (A²MEND).

Dr. Gebru received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and his Master's degree in Counseling from California State University, Long Beach, and his PhD. in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne.



Dr. Jim Lancaster

Dr. Jim Lancaster is currently the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles City College. Dr. Lancaster graduated with an AS in Automotive Technology from Cerritos College and worked in the automotive industry as a Master Chevrolet Technician. He returned to Cerritos College as an adjunct faculty member and Advanced Transportation Center Coordinator before taking a full-time teaching position at Citrus College, where he held several faculty leadership roles, including president of the faculty association.

Dr. Lancaster later moved into administration serving as the Dean of Curriculum, Career/Technical, and Continuing Education at Citrus College before coming to the LACCD as the Vice President of Instruction at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. In addition to his AS degree from Cerritos, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Vocational Education from CSULB, a Master's degree in Industrial and Technical Studies from CSULA, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership: Community College Specialization from CSUF. He has also taught part-time in CSUF's Masters of Higher Education program.

