



# North Idaho College

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**Board of Trustees**

**MEMO TO:** North Idaho College  
**FROM:** NIC Board of Trustees  
**DATE:** March 28, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Announcement of NIC Presidential Finalists

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After an extensive national search, The North Idaho College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that there are five presidential finalists. We recruited a rich pool of candidates from throughout the state, region and nation. Your contribution to the many accomplishments at NIC was instrumental in the recruitment of top caliber candidates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Presidential Search Committee, comprised of both college and community representatives, for their dedication, their commitment, and their hard work on behalf of North Idaho College.

However, the search is not yet complete. Each presidential finalist will participate in forums at NIC. **We invite and encourage everyone to attend the open forums.** The forum sessions are open to administration, faculty, staff, students and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate followed by a question and answer session with questions from the audience. Comment forms will be given to all who attend and the completed comment forms will be collected and given to North Idaho College Board of Trustees for review.

**The North Idaho College finalists are (in alphabetical order):**

**Dr. Jack Becherer** serves as President of Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL. Previously, Dr. Becherer served as President at Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, WA. Dr. Becherer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Missouri-Columbia, MO, a Master of Science in Psychology from University of Missouri-Columbia, MO and a doctorate in Counseling and Higher Educational Administration from College of William and Mary, VA.

**Dr. Joseph Dunlap** serves as President of Spokane Community College, Spokane, WA. Previously, Dr. Dunlap served as Vice President of Learning at Spokane Community College, WA. Dr. Dunlap holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Whitworth College, WA, a Master of Business Administration from City University, WA, and a Doctor of Education from Oregon State University, OR.

**Dr. Karin Hilgersom** serves as Vice President for Instruction at Central Oregon Community College, Bend, OR. Previously, Dr. Hilgersom served as Executive Vice President of Instruction at Walla Walla Community College, WA. Dr. Hilgersom received a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication from the California State University Stanislaus, CA, a Master of Science in Rhetoric and Communication from the University of Oregon, OR, and a Doctorate in Educational Policy and Management from the University of Oregon, OR.

**Mr. Nathan “Clark” Williams** serves as Vice President of Operations at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, OR. Previously, Mr. Williams served as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer for The DecisionWorks, Inc., VA. Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy, MD, and a Master of Science in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University, CA.

**Ms. Denise Yochum** serves as President of Pierce College, Fort Steilacoom, Lakewood, WA. Previously Ms. Yochum served as Vice President for Instruction at Grays Harbor College, WA. Ms. Yochum received a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from California Polytechnic State University, CA, a Master of Arts in Speech Communication from San Diego State University, CA, and has recently completed Ph.D course work in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University, WA.

**Open forums will take place the week of April 9th. The schedule is as follows:**

<b>Ms. Denise Yochum</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, April 9, 2012</b></p> <p>Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Location: Edminster Student Union Building – Lake Coeur d’Alene Room</p>
<b>Dr. Joseph Dunlap</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, April 10, 2012</b></p> <p>Time: 11:30-12:30 Location: Edminster Student Union Building – Lake Coeur d’Alene Room</p>
<b>Mr. Nathan “Clark” Williams</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, April 11 2012</b></p> <p>Time: 11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Location: Edminster Student Union Building – Lake Coeur d’Alene Room</p>
<b>Dr. Karin Hilgersom</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, April 12, 2012</b></p> <p>Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: Edminster Student Union Building – Lake Coeur d’Alene Room</p>

<b>Dr. Jack Becherer</b>	<b>Friday, April 13, 2012</b> Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: Edminster Student Union Building – Lake Coeur d’Alene Room
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For further information on the forums please contact: Shannon Goodrich, Sr. Executive Assistant, President's Office [Shannon\\_Goodrich@nic.edu](mailto:Shannon_Goodrich@nic.edu), (208) 769-3303.

Should you have any search related questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our Search Consultant: Julie Golder Alion, J.D., at 202 - 775-4466 (office), [jgolder@acct.org](mailto:jgolder@acct.org).  
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