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Northern New Mexico College Presidential Search nearing final phase *Search Committee gears up for semi-finalist selection and interviews*

ESPAÑOLA, NM — Northern New Mexico College's (NNMC) presidential search is entering its final stages. Candidates have until September 9, 2022, to submit letters of interest, resumes and references for best consideration. The NNMC Presidential Search Committee is gearing up for semi-finalist selection and interviews in September and October.

Key priorities in the search process were transparency and community involvement. The board selected a search committee comprised of NNMC faculty, staff, students and a broad array of community members dedicated to Northern's continuing success. The committee held a series of listening sessions in April and solicited community input on the characteristics they wanted to see in the next president and the priorities that person should tackle.

Northern's ambitious goal of hiring a president by July 1 was delayed due to a change in search firms. After AGB Search was hired in April, the committee worked with AGB Presidential Search Consultant Dr. Richard Wueste to reorganize the presidential profile and other materials, and a broad-based search was launched the week of July 5, 2022.

The committee is scoring applications as they come in and will begin reviewing and selecting semifinalists mid-September. Students, faculty, staff and community members will have the opportunity to meet the finalists mid-October. NNMC's Board of Regents hopes to select a preferred candidate and extend an offer toward the end of October.

If none of the candidates meet expectations, the search will begin again. As Dr. Wueste told the search committee, "Presidential searches do not have deadlines. This is the most important decision a Board makes, so time must be allowed to do things right. We will establish and follow a timeline in conducting the search, but the search is not completed until the right person is hired."

For additional information regarding the desired qualifications and characteristics of the successful candidate, please visit: <https://www.agbsearch.com/searches/president-northern-new-mexico-college>.

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About Northern:

[Northern New Mexico College](#) has served the rural communities of Northern New Mexico for over a century. Since opening in 1909 as the Spanish American Normal School in El Rito, NM, the College has provided affordable access to quality academic programs that meet the changing educational, economic and cultural needs of the region.

Northern is an open-admissions institution offering the most affordable bachelor's programs in the Southwest. Now one of the state's four regional comprehensive institutions, with its main campus in Española, Northern offers more than 50 bachelor's, associate, and certificate programs in arts & human sciences, film & digital media, STEM programs, business, education, liberal arts, and nursing. The College has reintroduced technical trades in partnership with two local unions and five public school districts through its new co-located Branch Community College, the first of its kind in the state's history. Northern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and has earned program-specific national accreditations for its engineering, nursing, education, and business programs. Learn more at <https://nnmc.edu/>.