

## Presidential Profile



The Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the position of President of Western Wyoming Community College (WWCC).

WWCC, a multisite comprehensive community college, ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 1132+ community colleges by TheBestSchools.org and boasts a beautiful main campus located in Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, WY. The College serves an area of 29,000 square miles encompassing Sweetwater, Carbon, Lincoln, Sublette, and Uinta counties. The service area features Outreach locations in Big Piney, the Bridger Valley, Hanna/Elk Mountain, Evanston, Kemmerer, Pinedale, Rawlins, Saratoga, Little Snake River Valley and Star Valley. Each site has a unique composition offering credit courses, continuing education, community education and support for dual and concurrent enrollment. Approximately 97 percent of total enrolled students list permanent residences in these five counties. WWCC, established in 1959, offers diverse programs including academic (both on campus and by distance learning), technical, vocational and workforce training. WWCC's Distance Learning was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wyoming, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation and 17<sup>th</sup> of all online colleges by OnlineColleges.org in 2017. The College offers student housing, child care, athletics, a museum, an art gallery, and natural history displays throughout the campus, including fossils and five life-sized dinosaur displays. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park are all easily accessible to the College community.

Western Wyoming Community College is keenly aware of "community" in its name. WWCC enriches the community's cultural life, enhances the awareness of the community's unique heritage and rural environment, and adapts to the changing needs of local business and industry. WWCC dedicates its resources to providing high quality learning opportunities and experiences for students and employees. Approximately half of WWCC students are non-traditional students returning to college to improve their employment opportunities or for personal enrichment.

## **Challenges and Opportunities:**

The President of Western Wyoming Community College will possess a deep commitment to the community and work tirelessly to accomplish the following:

- Provide strong and visionary leadership.
- Inspire and guide all members of the WWCC community.
- Embrace change in order to keep the College competitive and relevant.
- Foster innovative instructional programs and student support services which result in increased enrollment, student success and higher completion rates.
- Lead WWCC forward as a driver of economic diversification.
- Cultivate a campus climate characterized by trust, respect, inclusiveness, and collaboration which attracts and retains talented staff, faculty, professionals and administrators.
- Enhance strong partnerships with businesses and industry, civic organizations, workforce partners and governmental and educational institutions throughout the region.

## **Ideal Characteristics:**

- A transformational leader who will deeply engage all stakeholders in creating a strong future for WWCC.
- A champion of innovative learning with a focus on high academic standards, student success and completion.
- A community-focused leader who is experienced in fostering partnerships with business and industry, foresees changing workforce and community needs and develops relevant programs to directly respond to these needs.
- An innovator experienced in developing and implementing a strategic plan to advance growth and reinvention.
- A fundraiser who is experienced working with a college foundation, overseeing large grants and securing alternative funding sources.
- A financially savvy leader with business acumen and experience working with a large and complex budget.
- A strong advocate for WWCC and in partnership with other Wyoming community colleges at the state and national levels who has experience working with a state legislature.
- A leader who has experience providing oversight for regional and programmatic accreditation.
- An individual with experience leading dual and concurrent enrollment programs.
- An engaged partner with the service region's K-12 system, colleges and universities.

- A student-focused leader with a demonstrated commitment to serving all students. Shall possess an understanding of nonacademic barriers such as housing and food insecurity.
- An effective administrator with an understanding of the unique issues regarding on-campus student housing.
- An educator focused on excellence, possessing experience with the Guided Pathways initiative.
- An individual who understands the unique challenge of physical resources, construction, facilities and infrastructure projects.
- A collaborative leader who is fully committed to working effectively with the Board of Trustees.
- A dynamic and accessible leader who empowers and develops employees.
- An individual with the ability to oversee and prioritize WWCC's technology needs.
- A strategic leader able to make data driven and difficult decisions.
- An exceptional listener who is visible and committed to actively engaging with all constituents throughout the College and community.
- A resilient individual who is committed to collaborative decision-making and is trustworthy, approachable, passionate, accountable, and transparent.

**Qualifications:**

- Significant and progressive successful senior leadership experience.
- Experience developing successful workforce partnerships.
- Classroom teaching experience, preferably at a community college.
- A doctorate from a regionally accredited institution is preferred.