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## **KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FINAL THREE CANDIDATES FOR CHANCELLOR**

*Public is invited to meet candidates and participate in open forums on April 6, 2018.*

HONOLULU, Hawai'i – The Kapi'olani Community College Chancellor Search Advisory Committee has identified three finalists for the position of chancellor and has invited them to participate in a final round of interviews. The public is invited on **Friday, April 6, 2018** to meet candidates at open forums at Kapi'olani Community College.

### **Open Forum Schedule:**

Friday, April 6, 2018, Kapi'olani Community College, 'Ōhia Auditorium  
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. – Jeffery Thomas  
12:45–1:45 p.m. – Micheal Glisson  
2–3 p.m. – Louise Pagotto

### **CANDIDATES**



**Micheal Glisson** currently serves as the vice chancellor for strategic initiatives, and previously was the vice chancellor for academic affairs at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, Louisiana, part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. He was the dean of allied health and nursing at Gateway Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, part of the Maricopa County Community College District. Glisson was interim dean of health sciences and department chair and professor of radiologic technology at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Framingham, Massachusetts. He has 35 years of experience in higher education as a faculty member and administrator at both two-year and four-year institutions, domestically and internationally, including Monash University and Charles Sturt University, both in Australia. Glisson holds a doctorate of philosophy in epidemiology and a master of applied science in physics from Monash University in Victoria, Australia. He received a diploma of applied science in medical radiography from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Victoria, Australia.



**Louise Pagotto** currently serves as the interim chancellor for Kapi'olani Community College in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She previously served as vice chancellor for academic affairs, interim assistant dean of arts and sciences, associate professor and language arts department chair, interim assistant dean of instruction, and assistant professor at Kapi'olani Community College. Pagotto began her career at the University of Hawai'i System at Leeward Community College as an instructor. She has over 36 years of experience in higher education as a faculty member and administrator, as well as in lower education in Papua New Guinea. Pagotto holds a doctorate of linguistics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and master of arts in linguistics from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She earned a teaching English as a second language diploma from the University of Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and a bachelor of arts in English with concentration in applied linguistics from Marianopolis College, Université de Montréal in Quebec, Canada.



**Jeffery Thomas** is currently dean of academic affairs at the North Campus and West Hills Center of the Community Colleges of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was formerly dean of academic and student affairs at the Miami Dade College Homestead Campus, part of the Miami Dade College System. Thomas served as dean of academic affairs at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He was chair of social and behavioral sciences at Northland Pioneer College in Holbrook, Arizona. Thomas has over 22 years of experience in higher education as a faculty member and administrator at both two-year and four-year institutions. Thomas holds a doctorate of philosophy in history from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. He earned a master of arts in history from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor in American studies with a minor in philosophy from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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