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News Release

UW-River Falls chancellor finalists named

MADISON, Wis.—University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson today announced five finalists for the position of chancellor at University of Wisconsin–River Falls, a university with approximately 6,000 students and more than 70 areas of study in four distinct colleges.

An 11-member Search and Screen Committee, led by Regent Scott Beightol, chair, and Professor of Dairy Science Sylvia Kehoe, vice chair, recommended a list of finalists. The Special Regent Committee determined that the following finalists will continue in the selection process.

The finalists, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Constance Foster

Interim Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
River Falls, WI

Maria Gallo

President, Delaware Valley University
Doylestown, PA

Satasha Green-Stephen

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Minnesota State College and University System
St. Paul, MN

Michael Laliberte

President, State University of New York, Delhi
Delhi, NY

Al S. Thompson, Jr.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Stevens Point, WI

Next week, the candidates will participate in separate public forums, offering opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community members to interact directly with them.

After a review of campus feedback, the Special Regent Committee, comprised of Regents Scott Beightol, Amy Blumenfeld Bogost, Becky Levzow, Corey Saffold, and Kyle Weatherly, and President Thompson will interview finalists and select a candidate to forward to the full Board of Regents, which must approve the appointment.

The person selected through this process will be UW-River Falls' 20th chancellor.

For more information about the five candidates, the public conversations, and the search process, see the UW-River Falls chancellor search page: <https://www.uwrf.edu/Chancellor-Search/>. For more information about UW-River Falls, go to its homepage: <https://www.uwrf.edu/>.

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Founded in 1874, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is located in the beautiful St. Croix Valley, just 30 minutes from the vibrant Twin Cities. UW-River Falls' approximately 6,000 students enjoy small class sizes and have abundant opportunities to conduct hands-on research and experience meaningful internships through the university's partnerships with leading businesses and non-profit organizations. With more than 70 areas of study in four distinct colleges, the university offers degrees at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and education specialist levels. UW-River Falls is a leader in exemplary teaching, undergraduate research, and sustainability, and serves as an economic engine for western Wisconsin. It offers students easily accessible, year-round arts, cultural, and recreational opportunities. UW-River Falls' mission is to help prepare students to be productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective.

The University of Wisconsin System serves approximately 165,000 students. Awarding nearly 37,000 degrees annually, the UW System is Wisconsin's talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live. Nearly 90 percent of in-state UW System graduates stay in Wisconsin five years after earning a degree. The UW System provides a 23:1 return on state investment. UW System institutions also contribute to the richness of Wisconsin's culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy.

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