



PALO VERDE COLLEGE

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DATE: August 11, 2026
TO: Palo Verde College
FROM: Gloria Copple, Board President, and Chair, Presidential Search Committee, Palo Verde College
RE: Announcement of Superintendent/President Finalists

The Palo Verde College (PVC) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected three (3) finalists for the Superintendent/President of PVC. We would like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next Superintendent/President. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, work, and effort.

The PVC Superintendent/President finalists are (in alphabetical order):

Jamail Carter, Ph.D., is the President & CEO of Kayannus Consulting Group, Inc. Previously, Dr. Carter served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs of San Jose City College (CA). Dr. Carter earned a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Alliant International University; a Master of Business Administration in Management and Leadership from the University of La Verne; and a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Electronic Arts from California State University, Long Beach.

Estella Castillo-Garrison, Ed.D., is the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Sheridan College (WY). Previously, Dr. Castillo-Garrison served as the Dean of Community Education, Emeritus Institute, and K-12 Partnerships/Director of Community Education at Saddleback College (CA). Dr. Castillo-Garrison earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy from Pepperdine University; a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Instruction from Central Michigan University; a Bachelor of Science in Social Psychology from Park University; and an Associate of Arts in Social Science from Barstow Community College.

Christopher Villa, Ed.D., is the former President of Skagit Valley College (WA). Previously, Dr. Villa served as the Rock Creek Campus President of Portland Community College (OR). Dr. Villa earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah; a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California; and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine.

Public forums will take place the week of August 17, 2026, and each candidate will participate in a 1-hour forum. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in the open forums. Forums will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. Forums will be conducted in-person in room: Anthony Reale Classroom/Laboratory Center Room 101. All who attend will be asked to complete a feedback form and the completed forms will be given to the Board of Trustees for their review.



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Open Forum Schedule

All Forums will be held in CL 101

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Jamail Carter, Ph.D: 9:00 am

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Estella Castillo-Garrison, Ed.D 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Christopher Villa, Ed.D 9:00 a.m.

***Please note: All Surveys will be open for two hours after the completion of each forum and will close at 12:00 p.m.**

We are looking forward to a successful completion of the presidential search process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant: Debbie DiThomas, Ed.D., ACCT Search Consultant, at ddithomas5@gmail.com or (951) 961-6533