Commissioner Announces Search Committee for Next President of West Georgia Technical College

Atlanta – Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Ron Jackson has announced the creation of an 11-person search committee that will assist him in the process to select the next president of West Georgia Technical College.

The committee will be chaired by Mark Whitlock, the CEO of the Central Educational Center in Newnan. In the coming weeks, Whitlock and his fellow committee members will conduct interviews with the applicants for the position then inform Jackson of their top three candidates. Jackson’s choice will replace Dr. Skip Sullivan, who resigned on December 31 to become the president of Alfred State College in Alfred, New York.

Joining Whitlock on the committee are Kali Kirkham Boatright, president and CEO of the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Mike Dugan of Carrollton (District 30); Page Estes, president of the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce; Delores Goldin, vice president of the West Georgia Technical College Foundation; Randy Jackson, senior vice president of human resources and administration, Kia Motors and Manufacturing Georgia, Inc.; Mike Lee, chairman of the West Georgia Technical College Board of Directors; James Van S. Mottola, chairman of the West Georgia Technical College Foundation; State Representative Randy Nix of LaGrange (District 69); Mike Wiggins, executive vice president (retired), Southwire Company; and Ricky Wolfe, chairman of the Troup County Commission.

“I’m pleased to be assisted in this presidential search by a committee of well-respected individuals from throughout the region served by West Georgia Technical College. I value each of their opinions and have great trust in their ability to help me select an outstanding leader who can build upon the college’s strong reputation as an excellent source for the knowledge and skills that people need for today’s highly technical jobs,” said Jackson.
The three candidates chosen by the committee will be interviewed by the senior management at the system’s Atlanta office before their final interview is scheduled with Jackson. His choice for the president’s job is subject to the approval of the 22 members of the state board that oversees the TCSG.

The process to select the next president of WGTC is expected to take several weeks.

**About West Georgia Technical College:** WGTC serves Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson, Heard, Meriwether and Troup counties. The main campus is in Waco and additional campuses are in LaGrange, Carrollton, Newnan and Douglasville. Last year, WGTC had the third-largest credit enrollment among the 24 TCSG colleges, with almost 9,800 students in certificate, diploma and degree programs. In addition to a wide array of credential programs, WGTC provides workforce training for new and expanding businesses and industries through the TCSG’s Quick Start program. WGTC also serves adult learners through adult education programs, English as a Second Language programs, and GED preparation and testing. For more about WGTC, go to [www.westgatech.edu](http://www.westgatech.edu)

**About the TCSG:** The 24 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia offer affordable education and excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs. Students of all ages take advantage of low tuition, outstanding instructors, hands-on learning and state-of-the-art equipment to gain the skills needed for today’s in-demand jobs. In 2013, the TCSG colleges delivered 2.4 million credit hours of instruction to more than 151,000 students. The TCSG is online, too, serving 85,000 students through the system’s Georgia Virtual Technical Connection.

TCSG students enjoy the benefits of Georgia’s HOPE grant and scholarship and the federal Pell grant, which will pay for a significant portion of a TCSG education.

The TCSG Office of Adult Education delivered programs to 72,000 adult learners in 2013, including GED preparation and testing services that enabled almost 16,000 men and women to earn their GED credential.

The TCSG Quick Start program provided customized workforce training to almost 58,000 employees of new and expanding companies in Georgia.

For more information about the TCSG and links to the 24 TCSG colleges, go to [www.tcsg.edu](http://www.tcsg.edu)

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