



**DATE:** February 16, 2021

**TO:** Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College

**FROM:** Greg Greenwalt, Board Chair and Presidential Search Committee Chair

**RE:** Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College Presidential Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected three finalists for the presidency of Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College. We would personally like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next President.

**The Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):**

**James Tyler Hart, Ph.D.**, is Chief Administrative Officer for Richard Bland College of William & Mary in Petersburg, VA. He previously served as Chief Development Officer and Dean of Enrollment Services for Richard Bland College of William & Mary in Petersburg, VA. Dr. Hart earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA; a Master of Business Administration from Averett University in Danville, VA; and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Longwood University in Farmville, VA.

**Richard Sax, Ph.D.**, is Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College in Rio Grande, OH. He previously served as Dean of Instruction and Chief Academic Officer for The University of New Mexico-Valencia in Los Lunas, NM. Dr. Sax earned a Doctor of Philosophy in English Language & Literature and a Master of Arts in English Language & Literature from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI; and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Haverford College in Haverford, PA.

**Thomas Striplin, Ed.D.**, is Dean of Arts & Science for Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, MD. He previously served as Director of Clinical Education and Professor for the Respiratory Care Program at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, MD. Dr. Striplin earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and a Master of Education in Health, Health Psychology, and Physical Education from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD; a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy from Salisbury State University in Salisbury, MD; and an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY.



Public forums will take place the week of March 8. **We invite and encourage everyone to virtually or in-person participate in the open forums.** Forums will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the general public. Because of social distancing guidelines, the in-person forums will have a maximum capacity of **12** individuals.

There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. All who participate will be asked to complete a feedback form which will be collected via an online survey. Completed forms will be given to the Board of Governors for their review. You will only have 24 hours to complete each survey.

Please email questions you would like us to ask the final candidates to Michael O'Leary, President's Office Administrator, by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 4. His email address is: [michael.o\\_leary@easternwv.edu](mailto:michael.o_leary@easternwv.edu)

#### **Open Forum Schedule:**

##### **Monday, March 8, 2021**

**Dr. Richard Sax: 11:15am and 1:30pm**

Link to join virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84954239002?pwd=OEdxYTdkaDNsTWRWQzBJeUYwb3pCQT09>

Room number: 104B

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-sax>

##### **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**Dr. James Tyler Hart: 11:15am and 1:30pm**

Link to join virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84051537398?pwd=Wjc5T3RUNFIWL2MweWRFVkJkQXdNZz09>

Room number: 104B

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-hart>



**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

**Dr. Thomas Striplin: 11:15am and 2:45pm**

Link to join virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804767836?pwd=c0hEVGxiZHY0NUUveGMyOHZ4REpGZz09>

Room number: 104B

Survey feedback link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/president-finalist-forum-striplin>

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:

- Karen Rafinski, Ph.D., [kerafinski@icloud.com](mailto:kerafinski@icloud.com), or (937) 206-8816 (mobile)