



CHANCELLOR NAMES FINALISTS FOR UMFK PRESIDENCY

BANGOR—University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude today announced the names of three applicants who have been selected as finalists for the presidency of the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

The new president will succeed Richard Cost, who announced his retirement in August of last year. Cost has been UMFK president since 2002.

“President Cost has been not only a wonderful campus leader, but also an integral part of the St. John Valley community,” said Chancellor Pattenaude. “I look forward to this upcoming selection process as we search for the best person who will bring new ideas and build upon the solid foundation he has helped put in place.”

The finalists, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Philip A. Conroy, Jr.**, Ed.D., Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing, Mount Ida College
- **Wilson G. Hess**, Ph.D., President Emeritus, College of the Marshall Islands
- **John G. LaBrie**, Ed.D., Senior Fellow – Academic Specialist, Northeastern University

“Our search committee has reviewed applicants from across the country and carefully selected those who we feel will be the best fit for the UMFK community,” noted Norman L. Fournier of Wallagrass, chair of the search committee and a member of the UMS Board of Trustees. “We look forward to introducing the candidates to the campus and to local community members.”

Each of the applicants will meet with students, faculty, staff, and community members during separate visits to the Fort Kent area. In addition, each candidate will meet with Chancellor Pattenaude. Specific dates for each candidate’s visit have not yet been determined, but will occur in the next few weeks.

Following the visits, the search committee will review feedback and present their impressions on each candidate to Chancellor Pattenaude. He, in turn, will recommend one candidate to the UMS Board of Trustees for approval. The new president is expected to start in July 2010.

Information about the search process and the three candidates may be found at www.maine.edu/UMSUMFKsearch.

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