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### **Indiana State University Announces Three Finalists for President**

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind.:** The Indiana State University [Presidential Search Committee](#) has submitted three finalists to the Board of Trustees as candidates to be considered for the University's 13<sup>th</sup> President.

The finalists were selected after reviewing candidate-submitted background materials and a series of initial interviews on March 5 and 6.

"We were privileged to attract a strong and diverse candidate pool," said Board of Trustees Chair Bob Casey. "I want to thank all the members of the Search Committee for their tireless commitment to this important process. We are excited to introduce these candidates to the Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and Wabash Valley communities."



The finalists (from left to right) are Dr. Matt Cecil, Dr. Mike Godard, and Dr. Clarenda M. Phillips.

### **About the Finalists**

Dr. Matt Cecil serves as Special Advisor to the President at Northern Kentucky University. Previously, Dr. Cecil was the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Northern Kentucky University from July 2021 – January 2024.

Dr. Mike Godard has served as Provost of Southeast Missouri State University since July 2019. Dr. Godard also serves as a tenured faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Recreation as a professor of exercise science.

Dr. Clarenda M. Phillips is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Dr. Phillips has served in this role since March 2018 and was additionally the Interim Dean for the College of Science from September 2022 – February 2023.

### **The Selection Process**

The Presidential Search Committee, a diverse group of campus and community members, received over 80 completed applications for the President position.

Following extensive review, ten candidates were invited to an in-person interview with the search committee.

As noted above, three of the ten semifinalist candidates were moved forward as finalists.

Each finalist will be scheduled for a two-day on-campus visit. Detailed information regarding the candidates and campus visit dates will be posted on Indiana State University's [President Search website](#).

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### ***About Indiana State University***

Indiana State University, located in Terre Haute, Indiana, is a public higher education institution founded in 1865. Offering a diverse array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, ISU is known for its high-quality education infused with experiential learning, community engagement, and career readiness. For additional information, please visit [www.indianastate.edu](http://www.indianastate.edu).

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