

## UNM-Gallup CEO finalists announced

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Interim Provost Craig White announced Sept. 27 five finalists for the Chief Executive Officer position for the UNM Gallup branch campus.

“I am delighted that we had such great interest in this important position,” he said, in a press release. “Our Gallup campus is incredibly important to the overall mission to UNM because it serves an important community and diverse set of students. I believe we have a very strong set of candidates.”

Candidates will interview both on the Gallup and main campus between Oct.9-26. Exact times for candidate open forums have not been confirmed yet and will be announced when available.

### **Dr. Andrew I. Nwanne - October 9-10, 2017**

Dr. Nwanne is the Chief Academic Officer and Provost at New Mexico State University in Carlsbad. In this capacity, he plans, develops, and administers the institution’s educational programs and services. Prior, he was the Associate Dean in the College of Business at Indiana Institute of Technology and a current participant in Leadership New Mexico. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Carlsbad Hospital and serves on the Higher Learning Commission’s Peer Reviewer Corp and Institutions Actions Council. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of North Texas, a Master’s degree from Amberton University and a Bachelor’s degree from Bishop College.

### **Dr. Glenda Balas - October 11-12, 2017**

Dr. Balas is Professor of Communication and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UNT Dallas, a position she has held since July of 2013. She formerly held the positions of Interim Provost at UNT Dallas, Chair of the Communication and Journalism Department at the University of New Mexico, Chair of the Mass Communication Department at Sam Houston State University, and Associate Chair and Doctoral Director of the Communication and Journalism Department at UNM. In addition to these twelve years of academic administration, she brings additional experience teaching, as well as fund development and nonprofit and media management. Dr. Balas holds a B.S. in Mass Communication and an M.B.A. from Eastern New Mexico University and a Ph.D. in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa.

### **Dr. Richard Fleming - October 17-18, 2017**

Dr. Fleming is Vice President/Dean of the College of Southern Maryland Prince Frederick Campus. He previously held positions as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Thomas Nelson Community College, President of Northland Pioneer College, Vice President for Instruction at New Mexico Junior College, Dean of the Center for Business and Corporate Development at the Community College of Denver, and Dean of Continuing Education/Faculty at North Lake College. Dr. Fleming earned an EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Northern Colorado, an MBA and MS in Industrial Administration from the University of Dallas, and a BS in Zoology from Memphis State University.

### **Dr. James Malm - October 19-20, 2017**

Dr. Malm brings 25-years of higher education teaching and administrative leadership experience at five different colleges, from Penn State Harrisburg outreach to chief administrative officer for Baltimore County Community College, dean at Colorado State University Pueblo, campus head for Laramie County Community College Albany County and executive vice president of Mohave Community College in 2017. He currently teaches graduate and undergraduate management courses at Colorado State University Global Campus. Dr. Malm earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Administration degrees from Penn State, followed by the Doctor of Management from the University of Maryland University College as an Orkand Research Fellow and the publication of the article ‘ [Six community college presidents: Organizational pressures, change processes and approaches to leadership](#)’ in the [Community College Journal of Research and Practice](#)

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### Dr. Carlos C. Ayala – October 25-26, 2017

Dr. Ayala currently serves as Dean of the School of Education at California State University-Sonoma. Dr. Ayala has worked as a chemist, science and math teacher, principal, senior educational researcher, and small business owner. His area of research is educational assessment and the use of data for program improvement that has been sponsored via grants by the National Science Foundation, US Department of Education, Chevron Foundation, and others. His stated goal is to unleash the transformative force of education to support all individuals, their families, and their communities. He received his bachelors degrees from the University of California Santa Cruz, masters degree from San Diego State University, and a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Comments and questions may be directed to Dr. Alice Letteney who is serving as search committee chair ( [alicel@unm.edu](mailto:alicel@unm.edu) ) or ( [provost@unm.edu](mailto:provost@unm.edu) ).