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To: LaGuardia Community College Community

From: Trustee Charles Shorter 
Chair, LaGuardia Community College Presidential Search Committee

Subject: Presidential Search Progress Report #1

A nationwide search for the individual who will be the next President of LaGuardia Community College is well underway. [Advertisements](#) for the position have been posted online in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *American Association of Community Colleges*, *Inside Higher Education*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education* and other websites.

As mentioned in the Chancellor's search announcement to this community, the University has retained the search firm Academic Search, Inc. to assist our Search Committee. Dr. Shirley Pippins and Dr. Virginia Horvath from the firm are working with us on this effort. They are recruiting highly qualified candidates who do not respond to advertisements because they are either not actively seeking a new job, or they are concerned about confidentiality. A [position prospectus](#) for the search has been developed. With Academic Search's assistance, we are confident that LaGCC will attract a highly qualified pool of individuals.

The Presidential Search Committee is committed to conducting the broadest possible national search for exceptional candidates. We would like to invite anyone in the LaGuardia/CUNY community to submit the names of any individuals they feel should be encouraged to apply. Those communications should be sent to LaGuardiaPresident@academicsearch.org, Shirley.Pippins@academicsearch.org or Ginny.Horvath@academicsearch.org.

The community will have access to progress reports on the search through its completion. The Presidential Search Committee has pledged total confidentiality, consistent with the paramount need to protect the confidentiality of the individuals involved.

On behalf of the Search Committee, I want to thank those of you who already have contributed to the search process with your time and advice.

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