



DATE: September 2, 2026
TO: Horry-Georgetown Technical College
FROM: Mr. Robert P. Hucks, II, Chair, HGTC Area Commission
RE: Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) Area Commission is pleased to announce that three (3) finalists have been selected for the presidency of HGTC. We would like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next President. We would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, dedication, and effort.

The HGTC presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):



Chad E. Crumbaker, J.D., is the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Innovation for Aiken Technical College. Previously, Mr. Crumbaker served as the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for West Virginia University at Parkersburg. Mr. Crumbaker earned his Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the University of South Carolina.



Lori A. Heafner, Ph.D., is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Previously, Dr. Heafner served as HGTC's Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Development. Dr. Heafner earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Sciences from Coastal Carolina University; a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from Appalachian State University; a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from Cleveland Community College.



Diane M. Mucci, Ph.D., is the Provost for the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Previously, Dr. Mucci served as the Academic Dean for Math, Science, Technology, and Business at Northern Virginia Community College. Dr. Mucci earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry, and Microbiology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the College of Mount St. Joseph.

Public forums will be held during the week of September 14, 2026, with each candidate participating in a one-hour forum. We invite and encourage everyone to attend the open forums. Forums will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. Forums will be conducted in-person in the Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium, HGTC Conway Campus, Building 1100B, Room 303. All who attend will be asked to complete a feedback form, and the completed forms will be given to the Area Commission for their review.

Open Forum Schedule:

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Diane M. Mucci, Ph.D.

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: HGTC Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium (Building 1100B, Room 303)
2050 Highway 501 E, Conway, SC 29526

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Lori A. Heafner, Ph.D.

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: HGTC Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium (Building 1100B, Room 303)
2050 Highway 501 E, Conway, SC 29526

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Chad E. Crumbaker, J.D.

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: HGTC Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium (Building 1100B, Room 303)
2050 Highway 501 E, Conway, SC 29526

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: Mr. Kennon Briggs, kennondb@gmail.com, (919) 621-7988 (mobile).