The Bucks County Community College Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the position of president. The next president will build on the outstanding work of retiring President Dr. James Linksz, who has served Bucks since 1992.

The president serves as the chief executive officer of the College, reporting to the Board of Trustees. The president is responsible for the day-to-day administration, management, leadership and oversight over the operations of the College. The president works with a wide range of internal and external constituents to lead, support, and sustain the College’s vision, philosophy, and mission, as well as to advocate locally, regionally and nationally for the distinctive community college mission.

Bucks County Community College was founded in 1964. Today, Bucks serves nearly 11,000 credit and 20,000 non-credit students. Classes are held at the College’s beautiful 200-acre campus in Newtown Township, the Upper Bucks Campus in East Rockhill Township, and the Lower Bucks Campus in Bristol Township. A robust Virtual Campus promotes access and deepens the College’s reach. The College also manages two fire and emergency services training centers.

Bucks County Community College combines traditional academic disciplines with flexible educational programs preparing students for a future of technological and social change. The College is known for its high quality academic offerings, commitment to workforce development, and emergency services training. The College’s efforts in developing workforce talents and skills help businesses be more successful and achieve their strategic objectives, thereby strengthening the economic foundation of the region.

Bucks has over 50 articulation agreements that guarantee the credits earned will transfer to most area colleges and beyond. Most of the students and graduates who transfer from the College’s more than 85 academic programs have attended Pennsylvania’s four-year colleges or other State-related institutions. Others have gone on to pursue their studies at more than 300 other four-year institutions.

Last year alone the College received more than $2 million in grants from state and federal sources. Included among these are a three year $152,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to develop a new major to help graduates directly enter the engineering technology field and $1.2 million as part of a 14 college TAACCCT grant in three technical disciplines. The College is also a leader in emergency services training, with 46 disciplines accredited by the ProBoard (National Board on Fire Science Professional Qualifications) and almost 75,000 registrations in courses worldwide. These include programs throughout Pennsylvania, many US states, and overseas through Department of Defense auspices.

Bucks County Community College also has a strong and growing reputation for meeting the needs of the local community. Bucks County Community College has received national recognition for its workforce development efforts to partner with local industry. The Center for
Workforce Development works with local and regional employers to customize training programs designed to assist them in achieving their strategic business objectives. At his presidential town hall meeting at Gamesa Wind Energy, a learning partner of the College, President Barack Obama noted Bucks’ role in promoting the use of green energy through the Green Jobs Academy and other related initiatives.

The ideal candidate should possess 10 years of progressively responsible experience in higher education administration or a similarly complex organization. This candidate should also have demonstrated strong and effective leadership, management, and fundraising skills and capabilities. An innovative and strategic thinker with a history of cultural change accomplishments, the ideal candidate will have experience with cutting edge information technology innovations and thought leadership. The successful candidate will be a strong and effective leader who has vision, sharp strategic view and a demonstrated ability to lead a growing, complex institution. An appropriate combination of education, training, and experience including expertise in curriculum development, government relations and legislative processes, accreditation processes, strategic planning and budget and fiscal management is desired. The ideal candidate will be a visionary and entrepreneurial leader who inspires confidence and trust, both within and outside Bucks County Community College and who will be an excellent communicator and spokesperson who can advocate on behalf of the College. A doctorate degree is preferred; however, the College will consider an appropriate terminal degree.

Confidential applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidate screening will begin immediately. For best consideration, applications and nominations should be provided by March 19, 2012. An application should include a letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position; a resume; and the names of five references with titles, addresses, business telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. References will not be contacted without written consent from applicants. The submission of materials as Microsoft Word attachments is strongly encouraged. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination, including the name, position, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee. Greenwood/Asher & Associates, an executive search firm, is assisting Bucks County Community College in the search.

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For more information about Bucks County Community College please visit: http://www.bucks.edu

Bucks County Community College is committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities. This encompasses persons in legally protected classifications in regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, age, religion, disabilities, and Vietnam military veterans. The College provides reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).