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QU TO INVITE FOUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO CAMPUS

Brian Belobradic, chairman of the Quincy University presidential search committee, has announced that four candidates will visit campus during the month of November, in what could be a series of campus visits. They are Dr. Robert Gervasi, H. Ken DeDominicis, Dr. Brian Nedwek, and Dr. James Sheppard. "We're very excited about all four candidates," said Brian Belobradic, chairman of the presidential search committee. "Each individual brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with them, and we look forward to getting to know them personally when they visit campus next month."

Dr. Robert Gervasi has most recently been the President and C.E.O. of the Institute for Study Abroad in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to that, he served as Dean of Kentucky Campuses and Dean of External Programs for McKendree University at its Louisville campus. In these positions, Dr. Gervasi had responsibilities for strategic planning, marketing, fund-raising and recruitment among other duties. He has over thirty years experience in higher education and business. He has worked in public relations, marketing, and publishing. He has taught courses in numerous fields at the University of Louisville, McKendree University, Chatfield College in St. Martin, Ohio, the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, Miami University in Miami, Ohio, Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio. He received his A.B. in Classics from Xavier University, an M.B.A. in Marketing from the Wharton School, and M.A. and PhD.

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degrees in Classics from Ohio State University.

Mr. H. Ken DeDominicis has served as vice president for institutional advancement at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, since 1999. In this capacity, he led the largest capital campaign in the university's history and played an active role in securing its largest gift, \$4.5 million, to support a new student academic achievement center. Mr. DeDominicis has worked in higher education for more than 20 years, serving Cornell University, North Carolina State University, and Texas A&M Corpus Christi. In his earlier career, he served in leadership positions at several United Way organizations. Mr. DeDominicis received a B.A. from La Salle University and a M.P.A. from North Carolina State University, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Houston in higher education administration.

Dr. Brian P. Nedwek served as acting president of Maryville University in St. Louis, Mo., from 2006 to 2007, before returning to his position as vice president for academic affairs, which he has held since 2005. During his tenure at Maryville, Dr. Nedwek has been responsible for program development, strategic planning, and fund raising; as acting president he guided the University through difficult times. Prior to his work at Maryville, Dr. Nedwek served in leadership positions at St. John's University in New York, University of Detroit Mercy, and St. Louis University. Before embarking on his administrative career, Dr. Nedwek was a professor of political science at University of Detroit Mercy, St. Louis University and Alverno College. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

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Dr. James Sheppard has served as academic vice president at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., since 2004; prior to this, Dr. Sheppard was interim academic vice president and associate dean of the faculty at Southwestern. During his tenure as an administrator at Southwestern, he has achieved major successes by innovative approaches to fundraising and program development. He has taught theology and philosophy at Southwestern and Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., and has numerous publications in the field of medieval studies, specializing in John Duns Scotus, the 13th-century Franciscan theologian and philosopher. Dr. Sheppard received his B.A. in English at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., his M.A. in historical theology at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., and his Ph.D. in the history of philosophy at the University of Sheffield in England.

Quincy University's presidential search is being led by national search firm Witt/Kieffer. The search committee includes QU alumni, board members, faculty, and student leaders. The committee has not put a time frame on the search, in order to find the best candidate available for Quincy University's 22nd president. For more information, please contact the Quincy University office of public relations at 217-228-5275 or visit www.quincy.edu.

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