

Presidential Search Update: Meet the third candidate

Dear OLLU Community,

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee members, we are excited to introduce the third of the finalists who will visit the San Antonio campus.

The third candidate, Dr. Abel Chávez, will visit OLLU on Thursday, Jan. 13 – Friday, Jan. 14. You will find Dr. Chávez's **biographical sketch and CV here**.

Dr. Chávez will spend a full day on campus meeting with university constituencies. We are very pleased to be able to offer open forums for this phase of the search and appreciate the finalist candidates' willingness to engage broadly with the OLLU community.

During Dr. Chávez's visit there will be open forums on Friday, Jan. 14, as follows:

Open Forum with OLLU Community Members - Faculty, staff, students, CDPs and alumni are all welcome
9:30-10:20 a.m.
Main Building, Room 311
Weblink **can be found here**

Open Forum with Houston and Rio Grande Valley Community Members
10:30-11:20 a.m.

Weblink **can be found here**

Open Forum with Students - Lunch will be served
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Main Building, Room 311
RSVP required for students attending the lunch in person. **RSVP here if attending in person**.
Weblink **can be found here**

Open Forum with Faculty
1:30-2:20 p.m.
Main Building, Room 311
Weblink **can be found here**

Open Forum with Staff
2:30-3:20 p.m.
Main Building, Room 311
Weblink **can be found here**

Please attend the session that reflects best your OLLU affiliation, and please help us extend the candidate a warm Saints welcome. While in-person capacity will be limited to 30, you are encouraged to attend in person if you are on campus. Social distancing arrangements will be in place, and, as with all indoor group activities, masks are required.

The search committee is very interested in your feedback. At each of the open sessions, a link to an online feedback survey will be provided to participants. There will be a separate survey for each candidate.

Throughout the search, the search committee has pledged to protect the candidates' identities. While we can no longer promise full confidentiality to them during the open finalist phase of the search, we do ask that you bear in mind that each of them holds a position of significance. Any additional inquiries about them should be made with discretion and care. If you have a contact who is familiar with a candidate's work and wish to reach out to that individual, please share the contact's name with us at PresidentialSearch@ollusa.edu so that we may, out of professional courtesy, alert the candidate that such outreach is forthcoming. Please also rest assured that the search committee members and our consulting team are speaking extensively with those familiar with the candidates.

The search committee appreciates the interest and encouragement it has received from the university community and is pleased to be able to present the first of our exceptional candidates for OLLU's presidency.

If you have any questions, please direct them to us at PresidentialSearch@ollusa.edu. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,
Steve O'Donnell and Rosalinda Garcia
Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairs