



## Notice of Commissioner Election Ballot of Nominees May 12, 2021

In compliance with Section 4.5.3. Procedures for Election by Members of the ABHES *Bylaws*, the Commissioner Nominating Committee (CNC) reviewed all candidate nominations received following the March 5, 2021 Notice of Elections and Appointments. In order to assure that the Commission is comprised of well-qualified individuals to effectively carry out the mission of ABHES and serve in a fiduciary capacity, the CNC considered the experience and qualifications of each candidate, their interview, and background screening.

The CNC is pleased to announce the following candidates for the ABHES Commissioner election. Please take time to review each candidate's bio prior to casting your vote on May 26, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATOR IN A HEALTHCARE RELATED AREA.

Requires at least five (5) years of administrative experience in a member institution or program, including active participation in an administrative capacity in the day-to-day operations of a member institution or program during the three (3) years immediately preceding election (those three (3) years may count toward the five-year experience requirement).

*One Seat Available*

*Candidates:*

- *Matthew Calhoun*
- *Russell Mauk*

**Matthew Calhoun**  
**Senior Vice President of Campus Development**  
**Arizona College**

Matthew Calhoun is the Senior Vice-President at Arizona College and a currently sitting Commissioner, Matthew Calhoun's experience has prepared him to continue serving ABHES Schools. He has served as an ABHES Team Leader on many accreditation visits and in 2016 received the Distinguished Evaluator Award. He has sat on the Preliminary Review Committee, Financial Review Committee, Conference Planning Task Force, and Finance Committee experiencing first-hand ABHES' commitment to assure quality educational experiences for the students attending our institutions. He shares that commitment and hopes to have the opportunity to continue serving as a Commissioner.

### Education

Master of Education in Educational Leadership, Northern Arizona University  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Washington State University

**Russell Mauk**  
**Campus Director**  
**MedQuest College**

Dr. Russell Mauk is an innovative thinker with a career in direct patient care and higher education that spans decades. He has served in key leadership roles with multiple ABHES accredited institutions over the years. He currently holds the position of Campus Director for MedQuest College, in Lexington, KY. Dr. Mauk operates with a student-centered philosophy. His leadership empowers others to continuously strive for ways to grow and develop. He challenges them to think critically and find unconventional methods to reach our students, leaving a lasting impact on the community as well.

**Education**

Doctor of Chiropractic, Texas Chiropractic College

Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, Texas Chiropractic College

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Health Science, Hinds Community College

**EDUCATOR IN SPECIALTY AREA**

Must be recently (within five (5) years) or directly engaged in a significant manner in an academic position at a postsecondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education in a health-care related field for which ABHES is recognized as a programmatic accreditor by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

*One Seat Available*

*Candidates:*

- *Chonnea Harris*
- *Alison Wilson*

**Chonnea Harris**  
**Dean of Academic Affairs**  
**University of Antelope Valley**

Chonnea Harris is the Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Antelope Valley. She has been with UAV since 2008 when she started as an instructor teaching general education courses. During her tenure with UAV, she has served as Department Chair, Associate Dean, and on numerous academic committees. Prior to transitioning into higher education, she taught at the K-8 level for Lancaster School District.

Mrs. Harris is an active member of her community and serves with youth sports and community organizations. She and her husband, have two children and reside in the Antelope Valley.

**Education**

Master of Education, Aspen University

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies : Physical Education, California State University Dominquez Hills

**Alison Wilson**  
**Director of Education**  
**UEI College**

Alison Wilson is a Director of Education for UEI College. She is a CST with 19 years of surgical experience as a practitioner and educator. Alison has 7+ years of experience in Higher Education and has served in several academic roles including as faculty, Program Director, and Director of Education. Alison also serves in the capacity of Evaluator and PAC-ST member for ABHES. She brings many years of experience in ACICS, ACCSC, ACCET, and ABHES. Alison has her master's degree in Administration from Brookline College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix in Health Care Administration/ Health Care management.

**Education**

Master of Administration, Brookline College

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration, University of Phoenix

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology, Waukesha County Technical College

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**Voting Instructions**

Voting will be managed using the Simply Voting platform (<https://abheselect.simplyvoting.com>). On **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**, the primary contact for each ABHES-accredited member institution/program will receive an email with an elector ID and password from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com) (on behalf of [ABHES/elections@abhes.org](mailto:ABHES/elections@abhes.org)). When casting your vote, you may click the direct link within the email received or log in directly via [abheselect.simplyvoting.com](https://abheselect.simplyvoting.com) using your elector ID and password. Additional instructions can be found under "How It Works" at [abheselect.simplyvoting.com](https://abheselect.simplyvoting.com).

**Voting will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.** Only institutions and programs accredited by ABHES are eligible to vote. Once a ballot has been cast, it cannot be changed.

**Eligibility to Vote**

In accordance with Section 4.5.2. Eligibility to Vote of the ABHES Bylaws only institutions and programs accredited by ABHES are eligible to vote for elected Commissioners. The number of votes that may be cast is as follows:

Accredited Institutions: Each main campus or non-main campus receives two (2) votes.

Accredited Programs (programmatically accredited medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, and surgical technology): Each address identified on record as having one or more accredited programs counts as one (1) vote.

Upon conclusion of the voting period, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes within each category will fill the specific Commission seat. **Election results will be announced on Friday, May 28, 2021.**

Please contact Amy Rowe at [arowe@abhes.org](mailto:arowe@abhes.org) or (571) 282-0052 with any questions regarding the electronic balloting process.