

# Universities of Wisconsin: UW-Stevens Point chancellor finalists named

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MADISON, Wis.—Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman today announced three finalists for the position of chancellor at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, which enrolls more than 8,500 students across three campus locations and offers more than 130 program options.

A Special Regent Committee selected the finalists from a list of candidates identified by an 11-member Search and Screen Committee led by Regent Jack Salzwedel, chair, and Kristi Roth, professor, School of Education, vice chair.

The finalists, listed in alphabetical order, are:

**Robert Brinkmann**

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL

**Pratima Gandhi**

Interim Chancellor  
University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point  
Stevens Point, WI

**John Hayek**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Health Affairs/Chief Academic Officer  
Texas State University System  
Austin, TX

Next week, the candidates will participate in separate campus forums, offering opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community members to interact directly with them.

After reviewing campus feedback, Rothman and the Special Regent Committee, comprised of Regents Haben Goitom, Noah Fritz, Linda Terwilliger, and Jill Underly, and chaired by Regent Salzwedel, will interview the finalists. The Special Regent Committee will recommend a single successful candidate to the Board of Regents, which must approve the appointment.

The person selected through this process will be UW-Stevens Point's 16<sup>th</sup> leader.

For more information about the candidates, the public conversations, and the search process, see the UW-Stevens Point chancellor search page: [www.uwsp.edu/chancellor-search/](http://www.uwsp.edu/chancellor-search/). For more information about UW-Stevens Point, go to its homepage: [www.uwsp.edu/](http://www.uwsp.edu/).

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*Founded in 1894 as a teacher's college, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is one of the 13 Universities of Wisconsin. Campuses in three convenient central Wisconsin locations - Stevens Point, Wausau and Marshfield - offer inspiring professors, dynamic programs and diverse opportunities that give students a transformational experience. One of America's best values for purpose-driven education, UW-Stevens Point is distinctive for academic excellence, research, applied learning and sustainability. Students may choose from 80 majors, 73 minors and 18 graduate programs, including doctorates in audiology, physical therapy and educational sustainability. UW-Stevens Point includes a 280-acre nature preserve for both academic and recreational use. It offers a welcoming, supportive atmosphere focused on student success. Learn more at [www.uwsp.edu](http://www.uwsp.edu).*

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