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Candidates bid for presidency



Carolyn Stefanco (top), Jane Fernandes (middle) and Michelle Perkins (bottom) were the three finalists for the presidential search. All three came to campus to complete their interviews and present to the student body.

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The Moon Room of Dana Auditorium and Bauman Gallery East were hot spots on campus the past two weeks as faculty, staff and students gathered to listen intently to the three final presidential candidates. Both the faculty and staff sessions and the student sessions encouraged community members to get to know Jane Fernandes, Michele Perkins and Carolyn Stefanco.

On April 2, Fernandes discussed the qualities that she thought would make her the best president and the ways she could impact Guilford College.

Fernandes had visited the College before and said she feels it is her calling to be at Guilford. She also said she finds the Quaker heritage to be particularly interesting.

"Jane had clearly done her research into who Guilford is as a distinctive college," said Max Carter, director of the Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator. "She had researched our Quaker identity and what Quakerism means."

Fernandes discussed how transparency is a big issue for Guilford students, staff and faculty. She said that she plans

to make as much information open to the public as possible, if president.

"Jane came across as more authentic, an important aspect of Quaker integrity," said Carter. "She also valued silence in a profound way and named that as an aspect of Guilford that attracts her."

Some of Fernandes' priorities for Guilford would be to organize listening sessions with students, faculty and administrators, as well as to build relationships on and off campus. She said she would hold sit-down meetings, do

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