

Community colleges selected as 2019 Bellwether Award Finalists for 25TH Anniversary For immediate release

San Antonio, TX.-The Community College Futures Assembly (CCFA) issued a call for Bellwether Award nominations in the fall of 2018 and 30 finalist colleges in three categories were competitively chosen from the applicants. The field of Bellwether nominations was very competitive this year with over 200 Bellwether applications. Ten finalists were selected in each category: *Instructional Programs and Services*, co-sponsored by the National Council of Instructional Administrators; *Planning, Governance and Finance*, co-sponsored by the Council for State Directors of Community Colleges and *Workforce Development*, co-sponsored by the National Council for Continuing Education and Training. All finalists will present at the Assembly on February 4th in San Antonio, TX, and one winner will then be selected from each category by a panel of national experts within each category. The winners will be announced on February 5th at the CCFA annual meeting in San Antonio, TX.

The Community College Futures Assembly (CCFA) has the following programs as 2019 Bellwether Finalist programs:

Instructional Programs & Services (IPS):

Programs or activities that have been designed and successfully implemented to foster or support teaching and learning in the community college.

Allan Hancock College Santa Maria, CA

Hancock Promise

Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA

Student Research Conference

El Paso Community College El Paso, TX

EPCC's STS and SCS Program: High Impact Student Internships

Evergreen Valley College San Jose, CA

EVC-SJSU RN to BSN Collaborative

Howard Community College Columbia, MD

Learning Pathways: Undergraduate Research At Howard Community College

Lake-Sumter State College Clermont, FL

RISE Summer Math Academy - Creating a Pathway to Success

Pasadena City College Pasadena, CA

PCC Pathways to Completion

Polk State College Winter Haven, FL

Transforming Advanced Technical Education Through Innovative New Models

Rogue Community College Grants Pass, OR

The Rogue Way: Accelerating Career Pathway Opportunities for Adult Basic Skills

Wake Technical Community College Raleigh, NC

A Legacy of EPIC Success in Online Education

<u>Planning, Governance & Finance (PGF):</u>

Programs or activities that have been designed and successfully implemented to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the community college.

Fayetteville Technical Community College Fayetteville, NC

Providing Accelerated Pathways via Credit for Prior Learning

Hill College Hillsboro, TX

Burleson Opportunity Fund (BOF)

Hopkinsville Community College Hopkinsville, KY

CIVIC CLUBS as Partners in Progress. Flipping finance: Philanthropy and Focusing on Private/Public Partnership

Housatonic Community College Bridgeport, CT

FESP - Family Economic Security Program; A Community Partnership Helping to Break the Cycle of Poverty in Our Region

Long Beach City College Long Beach, CA

The Long Beach College Promise/Promise 2.0 – Partnerships championing a decade of student success

Maricopa County Community College District Tempe, AZ

Maricopa Reverse Transfer

Prince George's Community College Largo, MD

Governance at Prince George's Community College

San José Evergreen Community College District San Jose, CA

Silicon Valley Career Pathways: Norther California's Largest Network of STEM Education & Career Programs

South Louisiana Community College Lafayette, LA

Transforming Culture: First Accountability Then Improvement

Wayne Community College Goldsboro, NC

Wayne Community College's Clearing a Path to Student Success (CAPSS) Initiative – Creating a Legacy of Educational Success

Workforce Development (WD):

Public and/or private strategic alliances and partnerships that promote community and economic development.

Brazosport College Lake Jackson, TX

JumpStart: Building a Legacy

Fayetteville Technical Community College Fayetteville, NC

Military and Veterans Transition Tech Program

Grand Rapids Community College Grand Rapids, MI

Creating the Public Works Pipeline

Lakeshore Technical College Cleveland, WI

Just Enough. Just In Time. Just Right: MicroMatch Upskilling

Maysville Community and Technical College Maysville, KY

MCTC Lineman Training

Naugatuck Valley Community College Waterbury, CT

NVCC Advanced Manufacturing Center Addresses the "Skills Gap"

San Jacinto College Pasadena, TX

San Jacinto College Maritime: Partnerships, Risk, and Results

San Jose City College San Jose, CA

Technest at San Jose City College

Tulsa Community College Tulsa, OK

If You Build It They Will Come

Virginia's Community Colleges Richmond, VA

FastForward: Building Virginia's Skilled Workforce through Short-term Credentials

The Community College Futures Assembly, celebrating the 25TH anniversary this year, convenes annually as an independent national policy forum for key opinion leaders to work as a "think tank" in identifying critical issues facing the future of community colleges, and to recognize Bellwether Finalist colleges as trend-setting institutions. For more information, consult the Community College Futures Assembly website, www.bellwethercollegeconsortium.com or email futures@coe.ufl.edu.

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