





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

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**ISSUE:** This item announces the 2017-18 Exemplary Program Award recipients for recognition by the Board of Governors.

**BACKGROUND:** The *Exemplary Program Award* was established by the Board of Governors in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs. Each year, up to two California community college programs receive cash awards of \$4,000 and up to four programs receive honorable mention plaques. The awards are sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges and provide an excellent opportunity to showcase exceptional programs. In recognition of the importance of timely completion by students of their CTE, transfer, or basic skills educational goals, this year's theme for 2017-18 is "**Guided Pathways**." Programs that provide guided exploration for undecided students and provide proactive academic and student supports that are integrated with instruction, are just some of the possible emphases of eligible programs.

Exemplary Program Award recipients are selected from community colleges throughout the state, with no more than two from any one Academic Senate for California Community College area. Each college may nominate one program to receive this prestigious honor. Local academic senates are encouraged to form selection committees with representatives from students, staff, administration, and faculty. At the state level, a committee that included representatives of the state administrator groups, students, and faculty evaluated the nominated programs. **(Background cont.)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented to the Board for information.

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This year, the Academic Senate selected two *Exemplary Program Award* winners and two honorable mentions.

The awards recognize programs that do the following:

- show evidence of the overall success of the program;
- contribute to faculty engagement;
- demonstrate a response to the needs of students, faculty, and the college;
- collaborate with other programs on campus or within the community;
- provide evidence that demonstrates how the program supports the community college mission; and
- can be used as models for other community colleges.

**2017-18 AWARD WINNERS**

**Los Angeles Trade Technical College - Advanced Transportation and Manufacturing (ATM) Pathway**

Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) was selected to receive the Exemplary Program Award for its Advanced Transportation and Manufacturing (ATM) Pathway. The ATM pathway was created from LATTC's initiative titled: Pathways to Academic, Career, and Transfer Success (PACTS). The PACTS initiative aims to assist students, many of whom are from traditionally marginalized groups, to successfully plan and complete a certificate or degree while negating barriers to completion. The ATM Pathway program is one of the strongest, most innovative departments, composed of twenty-two full-time faculty. With collaboration being a central focus to the PACTS initiative, the ATM program invokes this theme by breaking down traditional silos and barriers between student services and academics. Students have direct access to a dedicated counselor who is well versed in program requirements, has strong relationships with pathway faculty, and deploys immediate interventions to connect students to resources. Beyond the campus, the program expands to deep community partnerships with local agencies and is named maintenance partner in all three bids for the \$3.5 billion Automated People Mover (APM) at the Los Angeles World Airports.

**Santa Barbara City College - Express to Success Program (ESP)**

Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) was honored with the Exemplary Award for its Express to Success Program (ESP) which is designed to help students complete basic skills educational goals in a timely manner and better prepare them to begin taking courses required for a degree or transfer. The program is open to all students, but specifically targets Latino and low-income students to offer accelerated learning communities in transfer level math and English for students who assess at one or two levels below college level. The program has demonstrated success in closing the achievement gap compared to SBCC students overall. Latino students have an enrollment rate of 60-70% and low income students an enrollment rate of 70-80%. This increase in enrollment is due to program growth from 10 to 23 learning communities to more than 1100 students in 2016-17.

**2017-18 HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**Skyline College - Engineering Tech Scholars STEM Pathway**

Skyline College earned an Honorable Mention for its Engineering Tech Scholars (ETS) STEM pathway program. The program supports the recruitment of underserved students who often do not see themselves completing course within STEM pathways. Over 70% of the cohorts identify with an ethnic

group that is underrepresented in STEM. In fall of 2016, the data shows that 81% of ETS students passed Trigonometry compared to 43% of the college average. Likewise, 66% of ETS students passed Pre-Calculus compared to 57.8% of the college average. Students benefit from the cohort model, completing major and core requirements together through peer relationships, an embedded Retention Specialist in and outside the classroom and provides wraparound support. Wraparound support includes: case management, coaching, and comprehensive mental health/ needs assessments. Contextualized learning, supplemental instruction, and 1:1 tutoring is also essential to the program. Beyond course support, the program offers financial scholarships with 12 students awarded \$3,000 scholarships in 2017. ETS serves as a cost-effective model of a guided pathway that increases retention, provides additional enrichment to students, increases accessibility of scholarships, internships, and creates a strong culture of collaboration and excellent work ethic.

### **MiraCosta College - Bridge to Success in Math (BTSM)**

MiraCosta College received an Honorable Mention for addressing student needs in math placement with its Bridge to Success in Math (BTSM) program. The BTSM was first implemented in 2014 and is a free refresher developmental mathematics program designed to improve student achievement in mathematics. The need to create the program was uncovered in 2013 when about 77% of the entering students were placed in basic skills math courses, while only 6% of students placed in Pre-Algebra successfully completed a transfer-level math class. The BTSM provides enrichment instruction for students admitted to any program to improve placement test scores and enable students to take a shorter path to transfer level math courses. The initial measure for success in BTSM is based on the improvement in placement test scores. In the lifetime of BTSM, 96% of the 570 total participants proceeded to place in a higher mathematics class after attending the program. Additionally, BTSM participants experience nearly 10% higher success rates than their peers in their subsequent math classes.