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The Association of Community College Trustees Board of Directors and President are pleased to announce the 2022 Regional ACCT Awards recipients.

Congratulations to the extraordinary community college trustees, programs that improve institutional equity and diversity, chief executive officers, faculty, and professional board staff members recognized by the ACCT Awards. These awardees demonstrate exceptional leadership and service, and their individual and group achievements have helped to define their institutions as places of outstanding education and achievement.

The ACCT Awards Committee had quite a challenge this year selecting from among the many deserving nominations. We thank all who participated in the awards nomination process and for those who did not make it into these pages, we strongly encourage you to nominate your most outstanding leaders again next year.

We also express our gratitude to ACCT Corporate Council member EdAmerica and the nominees' respective colleges and state associations for their generous support of the ACCT Awards program.

On behalf of the ACCT Board of Directors, staff, and membership, we once again congratulate all of this year's awards recipients. The recognition they are receiving is well deserved, and their contributions will live on in the work being done by their colleges and students.



James Cooksey
ACCT Chair, Chair
Moberly Area Community College, MO



Jee Hang Lee
President & CEO
ACCT

AWARDEES

CENTRAL REGION

Robert Proctor

Lansing Community College,
MICHIGAN

NORTHEAST REGION

Allen Williams

Monroe Community College,
NEW YORK

PACIFIC REGION

Deborah Ikeda

State Center Community College District,
CALIFORNIA

Ray Sigafos

Yavapai College,
ARIZONA

SOUTHERN REGION

Andre Lassiter

Roanoke-Chowan Community College,
NORTH CAROLINA

WESTERN REGION

Diane Keller

Central Community College,
NEBRASKA

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

2022 Regional Trustee Leadership Awardees

and

Nominees for the 2022 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award

The ACCT Board of Directors annually honors an individual who has made a significant contribution as a lay trustee to promote the community college concept.

The Association Award is named after M. Dale Ensign, one of ACCT's pioneers and the founding chair of the association, who served as a trustee at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Trustee Robert E. Proctor

2022 ACCT Central Region Trustee Leadership Award

Thank you for your dedicated service to the College, our students and our community. Your inspired leadership, commitment to student success, and passion for diversity, equity and inclusion have been instrumental in building LCC into **A College Like No Other.**



TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

CENTRAL REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



ROBERT PROCTOR

Lansing Community College
M I C H I G A N

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO nominate Robert E. Proctor for the 2022 ACCT M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award. Trustee Proctor was elected to the LCC Board of Trustees in June 2003 and has been an active, engaged and instrumental Trustee supporting the development and success of many programs and initiatives at the College. He has served on several LCC committees in addition to local, regional, and national boards. Currently in the role of Treasurer, he has previously served as Board Chair and chaired two presidential search committees at LCC. He also led the presidential search for the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, where he has served as a Board member and volunteer for over 25 years. In his capacity as LCC's longest serving trustee, Proctor serves as both an historian of LCC Board history and an Executive Board Member of the Michigan Community College Association.



An Inspiration to MCC

CONGRATULATIONS Board Chair Allen K. Williams

The Board of Trustees,
faculty, staff and students of
Monroe Community College are proud
to honor Allen K. Williams, recipient of
the 2022 ACCT Trustee Leadership
Award for the Northeast Region.

Your distinguished leadership,
outstanding service and dedication
to students inspire us all.

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

NORTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



ALLEN WILLIAMS

Monroe Community College
NEW YORK

ALLEN K. WILLIAMS HAS HELPED INCREASE opportunities for MCC students to achieve academically and professionally through public higher education. His advocacy reinforces the College’s reputation for institutional excellence and innovation and helps the College effectively respond to challenges faced during times of economic uncertainty and systemic racism. His wisdom and experience help ensure MCC prioritizes inclusion and a sense of belonging in its programs, policies, campus life, employment, and community involvement. Following Trustee Williams’ guidance, MCC is consistently invited to the table when the Greater Rochester community and New York state seek solutions to increase student success, economic recovery, and workforce development. His work has improved the early childhood to K-12 to college pipeline and responded to the needs of regional employers through MCC’s robust career- technical programs. Trustee Williams inspires MCC to deliver an exceptional educational experience to diverse students who deserve nothing less.



STATE CENTER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Congratulations to **DEBORAH IKEDA**

2022 ACCT Pacific Region Trustee Leadership Award

Four decades of service, including founding president of Clovis Community College and various leadership roles for the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the Commission on Academic, Student & Community engagement Committee of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Elected to the Board of Trustees in 2016 | Currently serving as Board Vice President

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DEBORAH IKEDA

State Center Community College District
CALIFORNIA

DEBORAH J. IKEDA HAS FORTY YEARS OF experience in higher education at community colleges. Five years with Loop City College, one of the Chicago City Colleges, teaching psychology classes, counseling students, serving as a Director of a FIPSE grant and as an Assistant Dean of Academic Support Services. Twenty four years with Fresno City College as the Interim Vice President of Instruction, Associate Dean of Instruction Library and Technology Services and Associate Dean of Students for Counseling and Guidance.

Seven years as the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at the State Center Community College District (SCCCD), Reedley College North Centers. Four years as the Founding President of Clovis Community College. Presently serving on the Board of Trustees, as Vice President and previously as President. Her community service is second to none, and her leadership and innovation has led to an increase in diverse student enrollment and student success.



ACCT Pacific Region Trustee Award

CONGRATULATIONS!
MR. RAY SIGAFOOS

YAVAPAI COUNTY, AZ



Yavapai
COLLEGE

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TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



RAY SIGAFOOS

Yavapai College
A R I Z O N A

MR. SIGAFOOS RECEIVED HIS B.S. DEGREE in Accounting in 1969 from Northern Arizona University. His CPA certificate was awarded in 1971. He was associated with the Prescott accounting firm of Baker, Price & Norton from 1969 until its merger with the national accounting firm of Lester Witte & Company in 1975. In December of 1982, he founded Sigafoos & Arterbury, now Raymond B. Sigafoos, CPA, PLLC in Prescott serving small business and individual client in the Prescott area since 1969.

Mr. Sigafoos has served the last 40-plus years in the governance of institutions of higher education, both associate and baccalaureate degree granting. He has been involved with Yavapai College since 2005 helping it to grow and prosper for the benefit of local student success. He brings all of his experience in governance and financial planning to the table at the Board level.

Roanoke-Chowan Community College



Congratulations!
Andre M. Lassiter Sr.

Thank you for your visionary leadership, commitment, and unwavering service to the Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and community. Your commitment to helping others change their lives through education is unparalleled.



2022 ACCT Southern Region Trustee Leadership Award

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



ANDRE LASSITER

Roanoke-Chowan Community College
N O R T H C A R O L I N A

IT IS WITH DISTINCT PLEASURE THAT THE Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees nominate Mr. Andre Lassiter for the prestigious Trustee Leadership Award. Mr. Lassiter's commitment to serving on this Board for over a decade has been unparalleled. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership on the Board by serving as a mentor to new Board members while simultaneously serving in a variety of leadership roles. Mr. Lassiter has been a driving force in ensuring that the College president and the Board of Trustees maintain an engaging working relationship. Mr. Lassiter is a passionate advocate for community colleges and is extremely proud of being a first-generation community college student and graduate. He has passed on the value of community college education to the next generation by encouraging his children to enroll in the local community college. Mr. Lassiter is the epitome of Trustee Leadership and is very deserving of this nomination.

Central Community College congratulates all 2022 ACCT Award Winners.
Thanks for all you do to advance student and community success



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TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

WESTERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DIANE KELLER

Central Community College
N E B R A S K A

DIANE KELLER WAS ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL Community College Board of Governors in 2000 and is its longest serving female member.

Keller has assumed multiple leadership positions on the CCC board, including treasurer, secretary, vice chair and two terms as chair in 2004 and 2005. She is one of two CCC representatives on the active Nebraska Community College Association Trustee Board, having served twice as president in addition to all other offices at one time or another.

Professionally, Keller recently retired as CEO of Aurora-based Memorial Community Health Inc. (MCHI), a system which comprises three family medicine clinics, an acute hospital, outpatient specialty and diagnostic services, independent and assisted living facilities and a nursing home. Her retirement marked 50 years of service to MCHI, where she began as a registered nurse. She also co owns an agricultural production operation with her husband, Keith.

AWARDEES

CENTRAL REGION

Lansing Community College

MICHIGAN

NORTHEAST REGION

Community College of Baltimore County

MARYLAND

PACIFIC REGION

California Community Colleges Board of Governors

CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN REGION

Northern Virginia Community College

VIRGINIA

WESTERN REGION

El Paso Community College

TEXAS

EQUITY

2022 Regional Equity Awardees

and

Nominees for the 2022 Charles Kennedy Equity Award

This award recognizes exemplary commitment by a governing board or governing board and president of an ACCT member two-year postsecondary institution board or state board for two-year postsecondary institutions to achieve equity in the college's education programs and services and in the administration and delivery of those programs and services.

The Association Award honors the late Charles Kennedy, a trustee of Joliet Junior College in Illinois, who was a founder of the ACCT Minority Affairs Assembly, which became the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.



On behalf of the
Board of Trustees,
Lansing Community
College is honored
to receive the
2022 ACCT Central
Region Equity Award

At Lansing Community College, it is our goal to maximize student and employee talent and potential by fostering an organizational culture of inclusion and belonging so that people can thrive.



EQUITY

CENTRAL REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MICHIGAN

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (ODI) has positioned the college as a leader by rooting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) into every facet of the college. Led by a Chief Diversity Officer reporting directly to the President, LCC's DEI efforts are embedded throughout the organization, including the Board level. A Board Resolution Addressing Racial Injustice through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion resulted in the creation and implementation of a college-wide Equity Action Plan, embedding specific DEI goals in both the Board's ends statements and the College's formal strategic plan. LCC is widely regarded as a leader for training and workshops for community groups and organizations, and regularly holds Courageous Conversation events to lead internal and external stakeholders through exploration of equity and strategies for inclusion. Last December, LCC took its leadership to the national stage by convening the event "From Intention to Action: A National Conversation on DEI."



It is with immense pride that the **Community College of Baltimore County** accepts the **ACCT's Northeast Region's Equity Award**. We salute our **Board of Trustees for their leadership and commitment** to supporting our equity agenda not only with their words but also with their actions.

Driven by the twin mantras of “**Every One of Us Counts**” and “**Actions that Matter**,” CCBC is committed to leading with equity. We are purposefully advancing equity initiatives that are framed through the lens of the students sitting in our classrooms today.



EQUITY

NORTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

CCBC IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTIVE OF ITS DIVERSE population of students, faculty and staff. Its mission is to “transform lives by providing an accessible, affordable, high-quality education” with inclusion among its core values. The mantra of every one of us counts is our platform for taking actions that matter. This equity agenda was evident when CCBC developed an on-site classroom and support model to remain open while most colleges closed during the pandemic. This strategy enabled CCBC to support the students who lacked WiFi, a home environment conducive for studying or proper technology. Additionally, CCBC’s President launched the President’s DEI Advisory Council committing the College to a series of bold ventures to move its equity agenda forward. CCBC continues its long tradition of supporting its diverse population taking a holistic approach, looking through the lens of students served which permeates throughout its diversity initiatives.

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors is honored to receive the 2022 Pacific Region Equity Award.

EQUITY

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BOARD OF GOVERNORS SERVES NEARLY 2 million students across California, with 75% of students identifying as students of color. In 2019, in a concerted effort to address systemic inequity, the Board implemented the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Integration Plan, to complement the California Community Colleges' Vision for Success.

Equipping districts and colleges with the tools and support needed to create equity centered, antiracist policies and practices. Mobilizing the nation's largest system of community colleges and stakeholder groups, the Board has led efforts to embed Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) competencies and criteria into employee evaluations and tenure review processes, improving student grievance processes, embedding DEIA in district EEO plans, and providing intensive professional development opportunities. The Board's actions embody the tenets of the Diversity award; it has been directly responsible for shifting structures to improve student outcomes through a framework of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

We put equity at the core of everything we do and are committed to becoming the best possible system for our students.



California Community Colleges

NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IS HONORED TO RECEIVE THE
2022 ACCT SOUTHERN REGIONAL EQUITY AWARD



COME AS YOU ARE, BECOME WHO YOU WANT TO BE...**THAT IS OUR PROMISE.**

EQUITY

SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, VIRGINIA

THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD AND PRESIDENT ARE DIRECTLY involved in ensuring NOVA achieves equity in student outcomes while sustaining effective equity-minded processes, protocols and accountability for all its services and programs. With the endorsement of our Board, the President hired its first Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer (CDEIO) and established the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The CDEIO swiftly introduced a strategic framework to organize actions focused on improving equity. The Board was directly involved and provided constructive feedback to leadership, resulting in success. The College’s model has five themes focused on goals, metrics and actions to improve equity outcomes. College staff reports at each meeting on equity goals and progress to achieving inclusive excellence. In addition, the Board participates in annual retreats focused on reviewing disaggregated data. At every point, our Board and President work to ensure our Inclusive Excellence DEI Strategic Plan is prioritized.



CONGRATULATIONS!

EPCC Board of Trustees & Dr. William Serrata, President

2022 ACCT Western Region Equity Award

EPCC's Board of Trustees set the vision for equity and it is carried forth by our faculty, staff and administrators every day.



El Paso County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

EQUITY

WESTERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TEXAS

EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EPCC) RELENTLESSLY PURSUES STUDENT SUCCESS AND equity. The President and Board of Trustees have a long history of commitment to institutionalizing an equity mind-set in college-wide decision making with a goal of enhanced student success, especially inclusive of individuals who are underrepresented and underserved. They have continuously demonstrated leadership in setting policies that promote and enhance opportunities for institutional diversity, equity, and inclusion. They truly understand that student equity is impacted by the awareness, actions, and assumptions of individuals in every part of the institution and provide visionary leadership to ensure an inclusive campus culture. Their vision drives equity throughout the institution and helps EPCC be a leader in equity best practices for the entire community.

AWARDEES

CENTRAL REGION

Dr. Dorey Diab

North Central State College,
OHIO

NORTHEAST REGION

Dr. Christopher Reber

Hudson County Community College,
NEW JERSEY

PACIFIC REGION

Dr. Christine Johnson

Community Colleges of Spokane,
WASHINGTON

SOUTHERN REGION

Dr. Kyle Wagner

Northeastern Technical College,
SOUTH CAROLINA

WESTERN REGION

Dr. Paul Illich

Southeast Community College,
NEBRASKA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2022 Regional Chief Executive Officer Awardees

and

Nominees for the 2022 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award

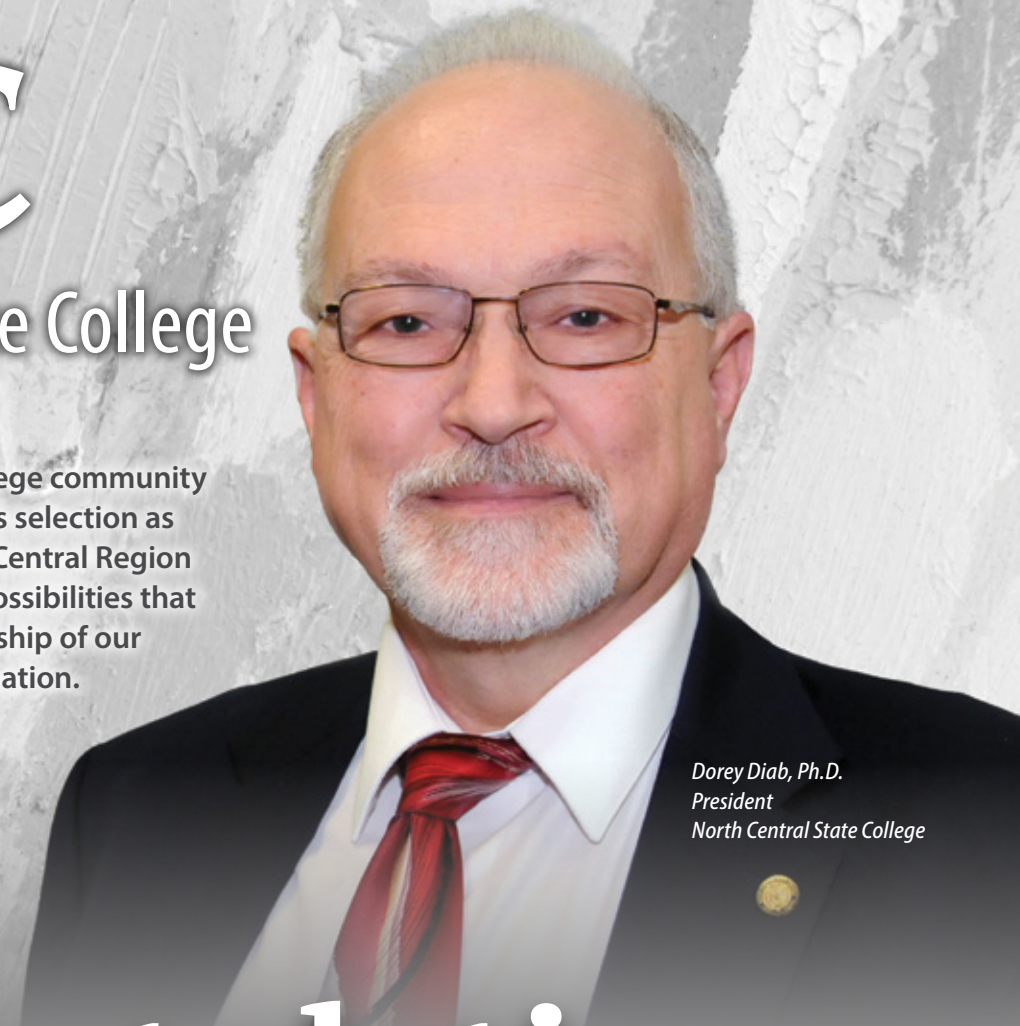
ACCT annually recognizes the tremendous services of and contributions made by community college chief executive officers.

The Association Award is named in honor of Marie Y. Martin, who served as director of the Community College Unit, U.S. Office of Education, and as a chief executive officer in the Los Angeles Community College District.



North Central State College

The entire North Central State College community congratulates Dr. Dorey Diab on his selection as the Chief Executive Officer for the Central Region of ACCT. His vision encompasses possibilities that exceed all expectations. His leadership of our institution is bound only by imagination. He exemplifies the transformation we strive to provide – every day.



*Dorey Diab, Ph.D.
President
North Central State College*

Congratulations Dr. Dorey Diab!

2022 CENTRAL REGION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CENTRAL REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. DOREY DIAB

North Central State College
O H I O

DR. DOREY DIAB MADE IT HIS PERSONAL GOAL to “raise the region’s educational attainment level by serving as the champion of opportunity for all regardless of their obstacles or circumstances.” His commitment to serve the community college mission stems from his personal story as an immigrant to the United States at the age of nineteen, while learning English as a second language at a community college.

His story is one of perseverance in overcoming the challenges to achieving a higher standard of living and a better quality of life and serves as a testament and inspiration to all. He has a strong belief that in order to sustain the present and create the future of community colleges, we need to enhance the economic and social mobility of our students and our communities at large. These goals can only be achieved by creating a college culture of agility, caring, and nimbleness.



The Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees congratulates President Dr. Christopher Reber for being named the recipient of the 2022 Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) Northeast Regional Chief Executive Officer Award.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Hudson County Community College family!



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NORTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. CHRISTOPHER REBER

Hudson County Community College
NEW JERSEY

CHRISTOPHER M. REBER HAS DEDICATED HIS entire career to higher education. Student success, and diversity, equity and inclusion are the hallmarks of his governance. He tirelessly and passionately advocates Hudson County Community College (HCCC) as well as state and national community college priorities. As HCCC President, Dr. Reber created the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI); established the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; instituted the "Hudson Helps Resource Center" to promote student retention and success; initiated "Hudson Scholars," a model student support program; formed community and corporate partnerships that promote upward social and economic mobility for students and community members; and successfully led HCCC throughout the twin pandemics of COVID-19, and racial/social injustice. Because of the culture of caring and connectedness he has created, HCCC students have proudly coined the phrase, "Hudson is Home."





Congratulations Chancellor Christine Johnson

ACCT 2022 Pacific Region
Chief Executive Officer Award

Community Colleges of Spokane
Chancellor/Chief Executive Officer since 2010

*We celebrate your lifelong commitment to transforming lives
by providing educational opportunities for all people.*



Community Colleges of Spokane

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. CHRISTINE JOHNSON

Community Colleges of Spokane
WASHINGTON

DR. JOHNSON, WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END of 2022, has dedicated her entire professional life to advancing access to education, improving equity for students and those working in higher education and advocating for innovation and excellence. She is a recognized and respected leader in higher education, not only in state, but throughout the nation.

Over the course of her career, in both Denver and Spokane, Chancellor Johnson has been called upon by six US Secretaries of Education to influence national educational policy discussions through service on national boards and commissions including the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Community College Hispanic Council and the American Council on Education Minorities in Higher Education Commission.

Dr. Johnson is the recipient of the 2022 Washington State Association of College Trustee Chief Executive Officer of the Year Award.



Dr. Kyle Wagner, President
Northeastern Technical College



Congratulations!

NETC President and CEO
Dr. Kyle Wagner

2022 Southern Regional Chief Executive Officer
Association of Community College Trustees

The Board, Staff, and Faculty at Northeastern
thank you for your dedication to the
communities we serve, your innovative spirit
and your ultimate commitment to student
success!

*You are a true
Trailblazer!*



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. KYLE WAGNER

Northeastern Technical College
S O U T H C A R O L I N A

DR. KYLE WAGNER CAME TO NORTHEASTERN
Technical College in 2016, breathing new life into the
college. In the five years since taking the reins in his
first CEO role, NETC has undergone a complete
transformation. He is passionate about student success,
the value of education, and a belief that education
provides generational change to individuals and
communities. This has become the cornerstone of every
college initiative since his arrival.

As a first-generation college student, his story resonates
with students. His journey into higher education
began at a technical college where he earned an AAS
degree. He returned to college to earn his bachelor's
at 34. Discovering a passion for higher education as a
career, he went on to earn his masters and Ph.D. With
a renewed focus on access to higher education for the
invisible student, he has transformed NETC from a
sleepy, rural college to one of educational innovation.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Dr. Paul Illich, President
Southeast Community College (NE)
ACCT Western Region
Chief Executive Officer Award**



**Thank you for leading SCC
on its incredible transformational
journey. You have instilled a culture of
excellence, transparency, integrity,
innovation, inclusion, and accountability.**



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WESTERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. PAUL ILLICH

Southeast Community College
N E B R A S K A

DR. PAUL ILLICH IS A RESILIENT AND VISIONARY leader who is leading Southeast Community College through transformative modernization, including completing \$170 million of construction projects following a failed \$369 million bond, developing innovative capital construction funding strategies, converting from a quarter to semester calendar, establishing six learning centers, creating a positive and reflective culture that embraces change, launching a proactive enrollment management model, and implementing a student onboarding initiative to improve retention and completion via emotional intelligence and resiliency skills.

These transformative phases were simultaneously implemented to proactively position the College to address the massive skilled workforce shortage in southeast Nebraska. Dr. Illich, a national leader in strategic planning and data-informed decision making, recently published a pioneering article highlighting a new approach to dynamic and responsive strategic planning through the creation of a culture that promotes reflective thinking, transparency, and compassion and respect for diverse views and ideas.

AWARDEES

CENTRAL REGION

Dr. Lisa Bergin

Minneapolis Community
& Technical College,
MINNESOTA

NORTHEAST REGION

Patricia Maloney-Titland

Rockland Community College,
NEW YORK

PACIFIC REGION

Dr. Karen Palmer

Yavapai College,
ARIZONA

Dr. James Chen

South Puget Sound Community College,
WASHINGTON

SOUTHERN REGION

Benji Mccollum

Midlands Technical College,
SOUTH CAROLINA

WESTERN REGION

Brian Anderson

Northeast Community College,
NEBRASKA

FACULTY MEMBER

2022 Regional Faculty Member Awardees

and

Nominees for the 2022 William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award

ACCT recognizes that the central purpose of our community colleges is teaching and learning. ACCT annually presents its Faculty Member Award to say “thank you” to outstanding faculty members.

The Association Award is named in honor of ACCT’s founding executive director, William H. Meardy, who championed the concept of faculty excellence as the foundation of success in the community college movement.

2022 ACCT Central Regional Faculty Award

CONGRATULATIONS!
LISA BERGIN

Minneapolis College thanks you for your dedication to innovation in education. We are grateful for your continued positive impact on our students and our campus community.
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MINNESOTA STATE

Minneapolis Community and Technical College
A member of Minnesota State

FACULTY MEMBER

CENTRAL REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. LISA BERGIN

Minneapolis Community
& Technical College
MINNESOTA

DR. LISA BERGIN IS A RELENTLESSLY hard-working and student-centered faculty member. She consistently challenges herself by engaging in critical analysis of her teaching methods and practice in order to provide the best instruction and environment for her students. She has trained, researched, and worked tirelessly to identify and devise culturally responsive strategies that show measurable results in closing course success gaps. Since 2015, hundreds of system instructors have participated in her faculty development sessions. Lisa contributes expertise to Minneapolis College and Minnesota State more broadly through active participation on key committees, equity initiatives, and Network for Educational Development (NED). Through this work, Lisa's impact at the college and system level has been significant. Dr. Bergin has a long list of publications, presentations, professional development work that speaks to her content expertise and continuous professional growth.



DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR **PATRICIA MALONEY-TITLAND** **2022 NORTHEAST REGIONAL** **FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT**

The entire RCC Community congratulates you on this achievement,
thanks you for your many years of service to our students and
community and celebrates all you've accomplished!

FACULTY MEMBER

NORTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



PATRICIA MALONEY-TITLAND

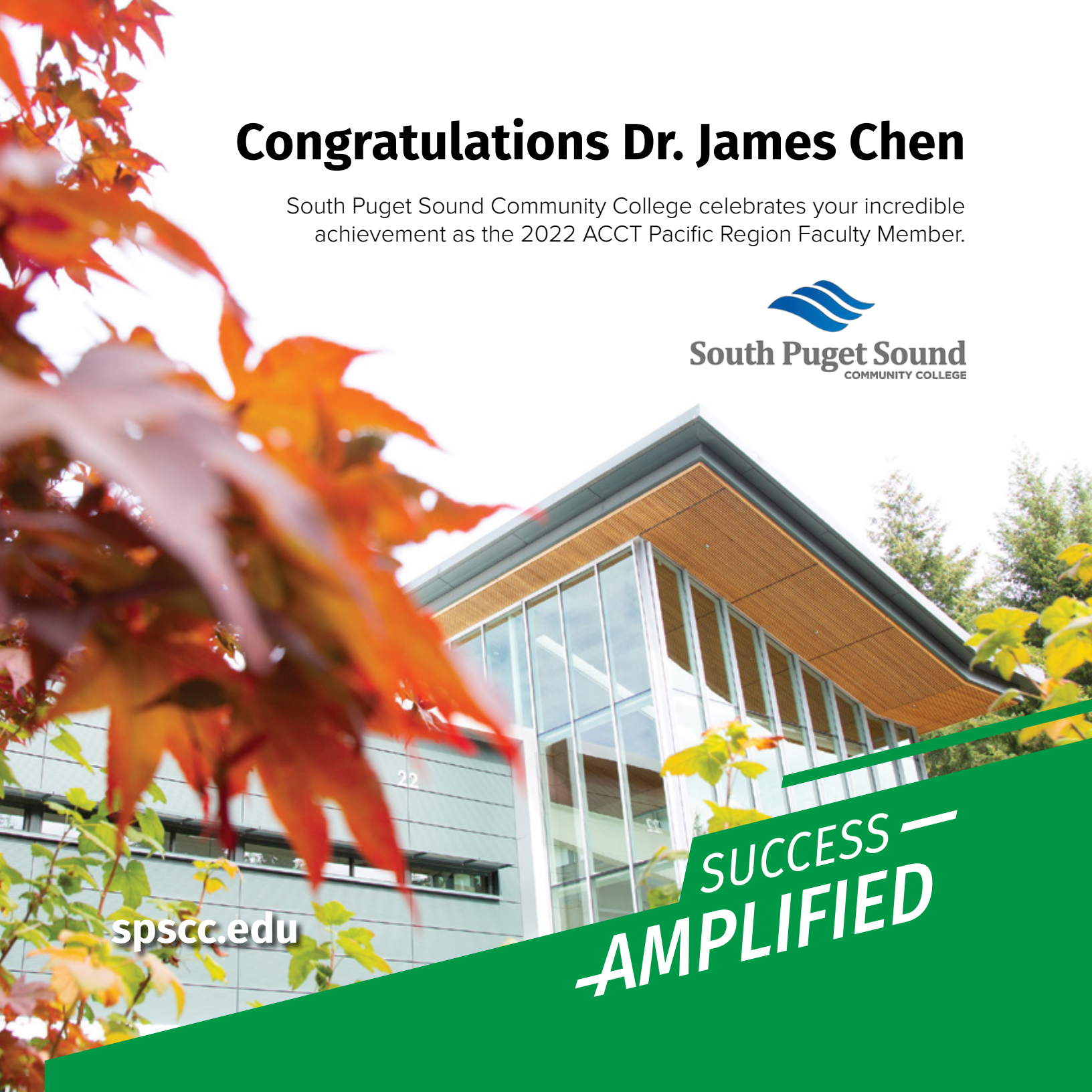
Rockland Community College
NEW YORK

A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR/DIRECTOR AND A two-time recipient of the Arts Council of Rockland Award for Arts Educator, Patricia Maloney-Titland is also two-time recipient of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award in Scholarship and Creative Activities and Excellence in Faculty Service. Professor Maloney-Titland has been teaching at the College for over three decades. An innovative educator, leader, and staunch advocate for the Arts across the collegiate, community, and professional spectrums, she is always willing to implement new initiatives that are in the best interest of the students, the College, the community, the State and beyond.

A senior and well-respected member of the College, Professor Maloney-Titland has continually engaged in myriad creative and academic pursuits, including producing events and performances for a multitude of celebrations and fundraisers, implementation and cultivation of professional Internship programs, and rigorous curriculum-based productions, for which she has been recognized by her peers, the College, and the community.

Congratulations Dr. James Chen

South Puget Sound Community College celebrates your incredible achievement as the 2022 ACCT Pacific Region Faculty Member.



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SUCCESS —
AMPLIFIED

FACULTY MEMBER

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. JAMES CHEN

South Puget Sound Community College
WASHINGTON

DR. CHEN IS RESPECTED AND ADMIRER AMONG peers, colleagues, and administrators. Although often soft spoken, when Jim speaks, everyone listens. He is well researched, insightful, and offers practical approaches to solving equity and diversity issues. Dr. Chen is selfless in his commitment to student success and driven for continuous improvement in his own practices, as well as the practices of his colleagues.

He is active in the college’s work pertaining to diversity and the closing of achievement gaps. He has been a voice of leadership on closing equity gaps and removing systemic barriers, and he has provided leadership on this front by advocating for students. He also provides this leadership through the facilitation of communities of practice for faculty, serving on key college committees like a Diversity & Equity Curriculum Committee, and encouraging his peers to continuously improve their pedagogy to help student success.



ACCT Pacific Region Faculty Award

CONGRATULATIONS!
DR. KAREN PALMER

YAVAPAI COUNTY, AZ

Yavapai
COLLEGE

YC 025-23

FACULTY MEMBER

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. KAREN PALMER

Yavapai College
ARIZONA

DR. KAREN PALMER HAS BEEN TEACHING English in higher education since 1999 and has been teaching full-time at Yavapai College since 2018. Karen currently serves as the YC Faculty Association President, the YC General Education Committee Chair, and the State Co-Chair for Arizona Women in Higher Education.

An advocate of Open Educational Resources (OER), Karen is the creator of three OER textbooks--The Worry Free Writer, Diving Into Rhetoric, and Say Her Name, along with being the co-creator of Rough Writer's Guide. Karen is passionate about supporting students as they create and achieve their personal and professional goals.



2022 ACCT
FACULTY MEMBER
AWARD RECIPIENT
SOUTHERN REGION

**BENJI
MCCOLLUM**

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND
LEAD PROFESSOR

On behalf of Midlands Technical College, we proudly congratulate you. Thank you for your essential work training EMS professionals and for your dedication to MTC, students, and the community.



CONGRATULATIONS, BENJI!

FACULTY MEMBER

SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



BENJI MCCOLLUM

Midlands Technical College
SOUTH CAROLINA

A LICENSED NURSE AND PARAMEDIC, Benji McCollum has chosen to serve the EMS community in education roles hyper-focused on training the next generation of life savers. As the Paramedic Program Director and lead paramedic instructor, Benji launched Midlands Technical College's first cohort of paramedic students in January 2020.

His subject-matter expertise, use of technology, and connections in the community attributed to the 100% pass rate in the cognitive exam, and the first cohort of students are all now fully registered paramedics. Since then, Benji has doubled the size of MTC's paramedic traditional classes after only three cohorts and is currently working on a creating hybrid program that will increase the college's paramedic graduates by approximately 20 in year one. A collaborator, innovator, and educator, Benji is a staunch advocate for EMS education, and his work inside and outside the classroom will benefit South Carolinians for decades to come.

2022 Western Region Faculty Member

CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN ANDERSON

Northeast Community College Media Arts Instructor

Brian Anderson is an accomplished professional in his work with his students and his colleagues at Northeast Community College. His program serves as a pipeline for graduates in meeting workforce demands in broadcasting, digital and media arts industries. He is well suited to operate a successful program training the next generation of media professionals because he has lived it. **WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, BRIAN!**

*Northeast Community College Board of Governors,
Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students*

Northeast
community college



FACULTY MEMBER

WESTERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



BRIAN ANDERSON

Northeast Community College
N E B R A S K A

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S

Media Arts Broadcasting Instructor Brian Anderson is consummate educator who provides his students with the professional skills to work in the broadcasting, digital and media arts industries. With 25+ years of professional experience, he incorporates the latest technology and standards into his instruction inside and outside the classroom.

Mr. Anderson has established a program that also showcases Northeast across its 20 county service area that includes providing live broadcasts of events such as commencement and athletic contests, to relationships with area commercial broadcasters in providing them video and audio content.

Mr. Anderson has a simple philosophy in his instruction. "It's one thing to talk about it, it's one thing to show somebody how to do it, but you have to get in there and work with them," he said. "I believe in getting in the trenches leading by example and making everything relevant (to them)."

AWARDEES

CENTRAL REGION

Heidi Soodsma

Lakeshore Technical College,
WISCONSIN

NORTHEAST REGION

Monica Rausa Williams

Anne Arundel Community College,
MARYLAND

PACIFIC REGION

Mary Lou Hernadez

Central Arizona College,
ARIZONA

Yvonne Sandoval

Yavapai College,
ARIZONA

SOUTHERN REGION

Michael J. Zanfardino

Midlands Technical College,
SOUTH CAROLINA

WESTERN REGION

Sharon Wright

Houston Community College,
TEXAS

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

2022 Regional Professional Board Staff Member Awardees

and

Nominees for the 2022 Association Professional Board Staff Member Award

The Professional Board Staff Member Award is presented to a board staff member in recognition of exemplary service to a board.



All of us at Lakeshore Technical College congratulate Heidi Soodsma for being recognized as the ACCT 2022 Professional Board Staff Member Award for the Central Region! Heidi embodies what we ask of our students - hard work, positive attitude, lifelong learning, and a commitment to growth. Heidi makes our students, our faculty, our staff, our Board of Trustees, and our entire community proud.



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HEIDI SOODSMA

Lakeshore Technical College
W I S C O N S I N

HEIDI SOODSMA HAS BEEN ELEVATING HER ROLE as Executive Assistant to the President since she joined Lakeshore Technical College eight years ago. What many would consider significant accomplishments, Heidi sees as simply doing her job. She humbly carries out an incredible variety of activities on a daily basis, pivoting with finesse from maintaining our policy and procedure system to arranging an on-campus legislative breakfast.

She played an instrumental role in our presidential transition which helped lead our college to strategically positioning itself for the future while graduating in-demand students today. Her positive attitude is contagious and her ability to effectively build and nurture relationships with board members, faculty and staff members, our student body and district community members make her a tremendous asset to our college. Heidi Soodsma is an inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing her.

AACC Congratulates

MONICA RAUSA WILLIAMS, special assistant to the president, on receiving the Association of Community College Trustees' Professional Board Staff Member Award for the Northeast Region at its Leadership Congress.



PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

NORTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



MONICA RAUSA WILLIAMS

Anne Arundel Community College
M A R Y L A N D

MONICA RAUSA WILLIAMS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT to the President at Anne Arundel Community College, is the absolute personification of service leadership. Monica serves the critical role as liaison between President Dawn Lindsay's office and a myriad of constituents and boards, including but not limited to: AACC Board of Trustees; Maryland Association of Community Colleges; Maryland Higher Education Commission; Anne Arundel County Council; American Association of Community Colleges; League for Innovation in the Community College; and many, many others.

Monica brings a winning combination of integrating both an understanding of strategic priorities and goals, along with outstanding attention to detail. She is a leader in helping execute high-profile initiatives such as the Commencement and Strategic Planning Committees. Monica has particularly excelled in helping support and implement new technology enhancements, so critical during the pandemic, that have allowed the Board of Trustees to operate with more efficiency, including virtual meeting platforms; visualization software; and a secure platform for management of Board materials.

-Congratulations- Mary Lou Hernandez



**ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
CAC COMMUNITY, WE
CONGRATULATE MARY
LOU HERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
& GOVERNING BOARD,
ON HER 2022 ASSOCIATION
OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TRUSTEES AWARD!**



**Mary Lou's commitment to professionalism is felt in each interaction
and makes CAC a TRUE home for students, faculty and staff.**

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



MARY LOU HERNANDEZ

Central Arizona College
ARIZONA

DURING HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS ASSISTANT to the President and Board of Governors for Central Arizona College, Mary Lou Hernandez has provided over a decade of exceptional service to the College and the community. Her work ethic, patience, and acute knowledge of Arizona Statutes related to District Governing Boards have rendered her a valuable asset to the operations of the Board of Governors. Her compassion, organizational skills, and commitment to serving others have endeared her to the hearts of her colleagues and secured her role as the “go-to person” for assistance or advice.

Whether advising the President and Board on matters of policy and compliance, helping colleagues with institutional processes and policies, fielding requests from the community, or connecting students to valuable resources, she manages the lines of duty to the President, the Board, the College with utmost respect for others.



**ACCT Pacific Region
Professional Board
Staff Member Award**

**CONGRATULATIONS!
MS. YVONNE SANDOVAL**

YAVAPAI COUNTY, AZ



Yavapai
COLLEGE

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PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



YVONNE SANDOVAL

Yavapai College
ARIZONA

YVONNE SANDOVAL HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF experience in academe. She has served at two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and at Community Colleges in Virginia and Arizona.

In August 2019, Ms. Sandoval became the Executive Assistant to the President and District Governing Board at Yavapai College. She has served as the Administrative Assistant in the Office the Provost at Hampton University, the Administrative Office Specialist in the Criminal Justice Graduate Program at Norfolk State University, and as the Administrative Office Specialist in the Office of the Provost at Tidewater Community College.

She holds an Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration from San Joaquin Valley College in California and a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Norfolk State University in Virginia. She is a member of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Professional Board Staff Network and the Arizona Community College Coordinating Council (AC4) for Executive Assistants.



**2022 ACCT
PROFESSIONAL
BOARD STAFF
MEMBER AWARD
RECIPIENT**
SOUTHERN REGION

**MICHAEL
ZANFARDINO**
MULTIMEDIA DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

On behalf of Midlands
Technical College, we proudly
congratulate you. Thank you for
your expertise and exceptional
service to the MTC Commission,
Executive Council, and beyond.



CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

SOUTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



MICHAEL J. ZANFARDINO

Midlands Technical College
L O U I S I A N A

MICHAEL ZANFARDINO IS A 19-YEAR EMPLOYEE of Midlands Technical College (MTC) whose principal duties include serving as the technical support staff of the MTC Commission, the college's board of trustees. His singular expertise in multiple communication and presentation technologies, and his adaptive use of innovative connection devices in a time of exceptional flux in meeting and educational delivery make his service to the Commission and the college both exceptional and essential.

Michael's unique technical support capabilities are paired with his desire to quite simply help make everything work better through the seamless integration of technology into the task at hand. He is critical to the operation of the MTC Commission, and invaluable resource for the Executive Council, faculty, staff, and students of Midlands Technical College. Michael has been selected three times as the college's Employee of the Month and twice as the MTC Employee of the Year.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SALUTES



HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HOUSTON, TX

SHARON WRIGHT

Professional Board Staff Member
ACCT Western Region Award Recipient

“ Since her arrival at HCC, Sharon has demonstrated the ability to advance our mission and One College vision by providing support to the institution and the Board of Trustees. We greatly value her contributions to HCC. ”

—Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.
HCC Chancellor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Director of HCC’s Board Services division
- Implemented Board meeting portal and electronic voting format
- Coordinated seamless transition of Board meetings to virtual format during COVID and the return to face-to-face
- Recipient of the Chancellor’s Medallion for Outstanding Services
- Recognized for contributions as a member of HCC T-100 leadership group
- Recognized at the Employee Significant Awards Luncheon
- Recognized for outstanding contributions to faith-based organization in providing leadership in outreach and community engagement
- Elected National Women Of Achievement, Incorporated (NWOA) Houston Chapter recording secretary for 2021-2023
- Recognized as NWOA Houston Chapter 2022 Most Congeniality and Encourager

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

WESTERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



SHARON WRIGHT

Houston Community College
T E X A S

MS. SHARON WRIGHT’S OVERALL PERFORMANCE
and leadership of the Office of Board Services exceeds expectations. Her focus on organizational stability continues to support the Board, the Office of the Chancellor, and the Chancellor’s Executive Council.

Her attention to process has improved agenda organization and compliance. Her notable accomplishments include maintaining board communications through various changes in leadership, coordinating the return to in person meetings while complying with changing emergency declarations. For more than 17 years, Sharon Wright has served as the Board Services Director for Houston Community College (HCC).

With this title, she has provided support to nine unique board members and for more than 17 years, onboarded over 30 trustees. She is instrumental in coordinating and providing oversight of retreats, redistricting, elections, annexations, board self assessment, chancellor evaluation process, and serves as the liaison for board/community engagement.



**SPECIAL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



Congratulations Diane, Paul and Brian! ACCT Western Region Award Winners



Diane Keller
Board Member
Central Community College
Trustee Leadership Award



Dr. Paul Illich
President
Southeast Community College
Chief Executive Officer Award



Brian Anderson
Instructor
Media Arts - Broadcasting
Northeast Community College
Faculty Member Award



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The Michigan Community College Association proudly congratulates Lansing Community College Trustee **Robert E. Proctor** on being selected for the 2022 ACCT Central Region Trustee Leadership Award.





New Jersey's
Community Colleges



CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER REBER!

FOR RECEIVING THE ACCT 2022 NORTH-
EAST REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER AWARD.

Washington State

ACT

Association of College Trustees

Congratulations to Christine and James!



DR. CHRISTINE JOHNSON

Community Colleges
of Spokane

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. JAMES CHEN

South Puget Sound
Community College

PACIFIC REGION AWARD RECIPIENT





South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners would like to congratulate:



BENJI MCCOLLUM
Midlands Technical College
SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. KYLE WAGNER
Northeastern Technical College
SOUTHERN REGION AWARD RECIPIENT



MICHAEL J. ZANFARDINO
Midlands Technical College
SOUTHEAST REGION AWARD RECIPIENT

PAST ASSOCIATION AWARDEES

M. DALE ENSIGN TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP RECIPIENTS

2021: George Little, Sandhills Community College, NC

2020: Lydia Santibañez, Temple College, TX

2019: Gladys Christensen, Central Arizona College, AZ

2018: Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County, IL

2017: Dan Altmayer, Highline College, WA

2016: Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College, IL

CHARLES KENNEDY EQUITY RECIPIENTS

2021: Mt. Hood Community College, OR

2020: Illinois Central College, IL

2019: Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

2018: Howard Community College, MD

2017: Trident Technical College, SC

2016: College of Lake County, IL

MARIE Y. MARTIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECIPIENTS

2021: Monty E. Sullivan, Louisana Community &
Technical College System, LA

2020: Margaret M. McMenamin, Union County
College, NJ

2019: William Serrata, El Paso Community College, TX

2018: Henry Shannon, Chaffey College, CA

2017: Lee Lambert, Pima County Community
College District, AZ

2016: Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College, MT

WILLIAM H. MEARDY FACULTY MEMBER RECIPIENTS

2021: Kenneth Walz, Madison Area Technical College, WI

2020: Latoya Reid, Tacoma Community College, WA

2019: Amelia Phillips, Highline College, WA

2018: Maria Alvarez, El Paso Community College, TX

2017: Matthew Lewis, San Jacinto College District, TX

2016: Liz Ann Báez Aguilar, Alamo Colleges, TX

ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER RECIPIENTS

2021: Sara Landreneau Kleinpeter, Louisana Community
& Technical College System

2020: April Sandoval, Coconino Community College, AZ

2019: Karen Campbell, Southwest Wisconsin Technical
College, WI

2018: Trish Villines, North Arkansas College, AR

2017: Mellanie Toles, Clark State Community College, OH

2016: Debbie Novak, Colorado Mountain College, CO

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