COMMUNITY COLLEGES AWARDED NATIONAL GRANT TO HELP MORE STUDENTS SUCCEED
Colleges Part of National Initiative That Includes Funding and Broad Support

INDIANAPOLIS — Twenty-seven community colleges in five states each have been awarded a $400,000 multiyear grant as participants in Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, a national initiative that promotes change to improve student success in community colleges. Each college will receive its implementation grant over four years to support institutional change. The grants were awarded by Lumina Foundation for Education.

“We are excited to have all of these colleges participating in Achieving the Dream,” said Martha D. Lamkin, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation. “By embarking on this critical mission, the leaders of these colleges have demonstrated a commitment to improving student achievement by making lasting changes in their own practices and culture.”

Achieving the Dream is a long-term initiative that focuses on measurable outcomes, particularly closing achievement gaps. Participating colleges are committed to using data to drive strategies, monitor progress and evaluate outcomes. They are committed to being open and forthright about current performance — and doing what it takes to improve it.

The 27 colleges were awarded the grants based on the effective demonstration of their commitment to increasing student success and their vision for accomplishing this goal.

Achieving the Dream provides a range of support to the colleges. Each college works closely with an Achieving the Dream coach, many of whom are former college presidents, and an Achieving the Dream data facilitator. The initiative’s national partner organizations — the American Association of Community Colleges; Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin; Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University; Jobs for the Future; Lumina Foundation; MDC; MDRC; and Public Agenda — also provide support.

Below are the community colleges that are receiving Achieving the Dream implementation grants:

Florida
Broward Community College, Fort Lauderdale
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa
Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee
Valencia Community College, Orlando

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New Mexico
Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute, Albuquerque
New Mexico State University-Dona Ana (New Mexico State Univ.), Las Cruces
San Juan College, Farmington
Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque
University of New Mexico-Gallup (University of New Mexico), Gallup

North Carolina
Durham Technical Community College, Durham
Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown
Martin Community College, Williamston
Wayne Community College, Goldsboro

Texas
Alamo Community College District, San Antonio (Northwest Vista College,
Palo Alto College, San Antonio College, St Philip's College)
Brookhaven College, Dallas
Coastal Bend College, Beeville
El Paso Community College District, El Paso
Galveston College, Galveston
Houston Community College System, Houston
South Texas College, McAllen
Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde

Virginia
Danville Community College, Danville
Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap
Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville
Paul D. Camp Community College, Franklin
Tidewater Community College, Norfolk

About Achieving the Dream
Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count is a national initiative that promotes change to improve student success at community colleges. The initiative works on multiple fronts — including efforts at community colleges and in research, public engagement and public policy — and emphasizes the use of data to drive change.

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Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count is a national initiative to increase the success of community college students, particularly those in groups that have been underserved in higher education.

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