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## **Nineteen programs among those recognized as most effective in nation at increasing Latino student success in college**

### ***Examples of Excelencia finalists added to America's largest inventory of practices accelerating degree completion among Latinos***

**August 9, 2017 - WASHINGTON, D.C.** – *Excelencia in Education* is proud to announce the 2017 national finalists for Examples of *Excelencia*, an initiative honoring America's top programs that expand academic opportunities and increase achievement for Latino students.

This year's 19 finalists were selected from among 161 programs from 25 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia nominated in four categories: associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree and community-based organization.

Below are the finalists listed by category:

#### **ASSOCIATE**

| <b>Program</b>                                   | <b>Institution</b>           | <b>City</b> | <b>State</b> |
|--|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Accelerated Study in Associate Programs [ASAP]   | Bronx Community College/CUNY | Bronx       | New York     |
| AlamoADVISE                                      | Alamo Colleges District      | San Antonio | Texas        |
| Focus on Student Success [FOSS]                  | Laredo Community College     | Laredo      | Texas        |
| Long Beach College Promise                       | Long Beach City College      | Long Beach  | California   |
| MDC's Shark Path                                 | Miami Dade College           | Miami       | Florida      |
| Transitional Bilingual Learning Community [TBLC] | Harry S. Truman College      | Chicago     | Illinois     |

#### **BACCALAUREATE**

| <b>Program</b>   | <b>Institution</b>                      | <b>City</b> | <b>State</b> |
|--|---|-------------|--------------|
| Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership               | South Texas College                     | McAllen     | Texas        |
| Center for English Language Acquisition and Culture [CELAC]            | Saint Peter's University                | Jersey City | New Jersey   |
| Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program                                       | Arizona State University                | Tempe       | Arizona      |
| Science Bound  | Iowa State University                   | Ames        | Iowa         |
| Students Transitioning to Engaged and Motivated Success [STEM Success] | California State University, Stanislaus | Turlock     | California   |

## GRADUATE

| Program  | Institution                                   | City       | State      |
|--|---|------------|------------|
| Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute                 | Arizona State University                      | Tempe      | Arizona    |
| McNair Scholars Program  | University of Central Florida                 | Orlando    | Florida    |
| Preparing Undergraduates through Mentoring towards PhDs [PUMP] | California State University Northridge (CSUN) | Northridge | California |

## COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO)

| Name of Program   | Organization                     | City       | State     |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Abriendo Puertas  | Latino Memphis                   | Memphis    | Tennessee |
| Adelante Hispanic Achievers                               | Adelante Hispanic Achievers Inc. | Louisville | Kentucky  |
| Dream Catchers  | Catch the Next, Inc.             | Austin     | Texas     |
| Scholarships/College Preparation and Life Skills Training | Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund   | Houston    | Texas     |
| Waukegan to College (W2C)                                 | Waukegan to College (W2C)        | Waukegan   | Illinois  |

Begun in 2005 Examples of *Excelencia* is the only national initiative to systematically identify and promote evidence-based programs and departments effectively boosting Latino enrollment, performance and graduation.

“By increasing awareness about these programs, *Excelencia in Education* is generating new energy and inspiring a network of action-oriented leaders to discover and implement innovations that are effective with Latino and other post-traditional students,” said **Sarita Brown**, president of **Excelencia in Education**. “You can count on us to continue motivating, informing and supporting the recognition and replication of evidence-based practices that serve both Latino students and the entire nation.”

*The national announcement of the 2017 Examples of Excelencia will be made in Washington, D.C., on October 5 at the Mayflower Hotel at the annual Celebración de Excelencia. To learn more please visit: [www.EdExcelencia.org/2017](http://www.EdExcelencia.org/2017).*

### About Excelencia in Education

*Excelencia in Education accelerates Latino student success in higher education by promoting Latino student achievement, conducting analysis to inform educational policies, and advancing institutional practices while collaborating with those committed and ready to meet the mission. Launched in 2004 in the nation's capital, Excelencia is building a network of results-oriented educators and policymakers to address the U.S. economy's need for a highly educated workforce and engaged civic leadership. For more information, visit: [www.EdExcelencia.org](http://www.EdExcelencia.org).*

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