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Four Higher Education Programs Recognized for Their Exemplary Work in Advancing Latino Student Success

Excelencia in Education Recognizes the 2024 Examples of Excelencia, Amplifying Evidence-Based Practices That Work for Latino, and All, Students

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 30, 2024) – In our 20th year identifying and promoting what works for Latino students in higher education, [Excelencia in Education](#) announced today four programs recognized as the [2024 Examples of Excelencia](#). These programs exemplify what is possible when higher education institutions and community-based organizations intentionally serve Latino students on their journey to and through college. The 2024 Examples are addressing academic barriers, creating a sense of belonging, increasing affordability, providing experiential learning opportunities, and investing in wrap-around services that improve higher education outcomes.

Each year, four Examples of *Excelencia* are selected from the associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and community-based organization levels for their intentionality and evidence of effectiveness in increasing Latino student success. The 2024 Examples emerged from 345 nominations from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, 103 program submissions, and 18 finalists.

The 2024 Examples of *Excelencia* are:

- [English for Academic Purposes](#), Reading Area Community College – Reading, PA (Associate Level)
- [The College Assistance Migrant Program \(CAMP\)](#), Washington State University – Pullman, WA (Baccalaureate Level)
- [Project upGRADS](#), California State University, Fullerton – Fullerton, CA (Graduate Level)
- [Career Pathways: Empowering Students to Succeed](#), The Immokalee Foundation, Inc. – Immokalee, FL (Community-Based Organization Level)

“We must make a positive difference in the lives of our college students who trust us to help them meet their education goals. The 2024 Examples of *Excelencia* are proof there is good work implemented around the country,” said Adriana Rodriguez, COO and vice president for institutional programs at *Excelencia* in Education. “These programs model what other institutions and organizations can implement in their own communities.”

[Examples of Excelencia](#) is the only national, data-driven effort to identify, aggregate, and promote evidence-based practices increasing Latino student success in higher education. Since 2005, *Excelencia* has received over 2,000 program submissions,

recognized over 400 programs for their impact, and raised and awarded over \$2 million to programs making a positive difference for Latino students across the country.

A committee of diverse higher education leaders selected the 2024 Examples of *Excelencia* to showcase innovative programming and proven practices that support Latino and other post-traditional students academically, financially, and socially. These programs serve as replicable models of cultural responsiveness that lead to credit and degree completion, which in turn supports Latino families and communities to ensure America's future.

Programs selected annually as Examples of *Excelencia* and finalists are featured online in *Excelencia's* [Growing What Works Database](#) — the only national, searchable database for institutional leaders, funders, policymakers, and others interested in evidence-based programming for Latino students.

This year's Examples of *Excelencia* will be honored at the organization's annual *Celebración de Excelencia* in Washington, D.C.

Learn more about the 2024 Examples of *Excelencia*:

EdExcelencia.org/what-works-examples-excelencia/annual-examples-excelencia

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About *Excelencia* in Education

Launched in 2004 in the nation's capital, *Excelencia* in Education leads a national network of results-oriented educators and policymakers to tap the talents of the Latino community and address the U.S. economy's needs for a highly educated workforce and engaged civic leaders. With this network, *Excelencia* accelerates Latino student success in higher education by promoting Latino student achievement, informing educational policies with a Latino lens, and advancing evidence-based practices. In 2024, *Excelencia* marks 20 years of commitment to Latino student success. For more information, visit: EdExcelencia.org