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American Association of Community Colleges Names Long Beach City College as Finalist for Inaugural Awards of Excellence

*LBCC Recognized Today as Exemplary CEO/Board Finalist at the
2013 American Association of Community Colleges Convention in San Francisco*

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City College (LBCC) Superintendent-President Eloy O. Oakley and the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees are recognized today as a finalist for Exemplary CEO/Board at the [93rd American Association of Community Colleges \(AACC\) Annual Convention in San Francisco](#).

“During very tough fiscal challenges, Superintendent-President Oakley and the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees have provided admirable leadership,” said Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg. “The innovative practices that they have developed are helping more students complete key college milestones with clear career pathways to certificates, degrees and meaningful careers.”

“In the greater local community, LBCC also plays a vital role by providing a wide array of services to support the growth of small businesses,” added Senator Steinberg. “In the end, the hard work is all about creating a more promising future for students and a more robust economy. Superintendent-President Oakley and the Board clearly deserve this recognition, and I applaud them for all of their work.”

Twenty-four community colleges were named finalists in this new national program designed to recognize innovation and promising practices among two-year colleges. The Award of Excellence, sponsored by AACC, established this program to align with key recommendations of the [21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges](#), a blue-ribbon group that issued its findings last spring.

To underscore the association priorities and bring national visibility to promising practices in community colleges across the nation, AACC, awards were presented in the following five categories:

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- Emerging Leadership
- Student Success
- Exemplary CEO/Board
- Advancing Diversity
- Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership

“On behalf of the Long Beach Community College District and the Board of Trustees, we are honored to be chosen as one of five community colleges across the nation for the Exemplary CEO/Board Award,” said Oakley. “We look forward to continuing our innovative practices to support more students in achieving success in higher education, beginning in elementary school and continuing every step of the way through high school, to community college, and on to the university level, for many more years to come.”

“I can think of no school district or CEO that I’m more proud of than Superintendent-President Oakley and the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees,” said Congressman Alan Lowenthal. “They have worked with the state and with me on many innovative projects. They’ve worked closely to link the unified school district to the community college and then on to the university, through College Promise. They are worthy of this exemplary CEO/Board leadership award.”

To view Congressman Lowenthal’s video from today’s awards recognition, [click here](#).

About Long Beach City College

Long Beach City College is one of the largest single college districts in the California Community College System. LBCC is a comprehensive college which provides quality educational programs and related students services to nearly 30,000 students pursuing a wide range of degrees, certificates, transfer and other courses of study. LBCC is recognized throughout California and the nation as a leader in efforts to improve college preparation, access and success through the Long Beach College Promise Partnership, with the Long Beach Unified School District and California State University, Long Beach, and its Promise Pathways initiative. The College has received several important recognitions including: finalist for the 2013 Exemplary CEO/Board Award of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges, winner of the 2012 RP Group’s Excellence in College Research Award for development of a predictive placement model, recognition by the White House Initiative for Excellence in Hispanic Education in 2010 and recipient of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office Student Success Award in 2009.

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