

As awards finalist, MCC will vie for \$1 million in 2017 prize money

MCC has been named among the nation's top 150 community colleges, landing it not only in prestigious company but as one of the potential finalists for a \$1 million top prize to be awarded later this year.

MCC's President, Dr. Shouan Pan, said the recognition pays tribute to one of MCC's longterm initiatives.

"MCC launched 'Mission 2020' in 2009, with the ambitious goal of increasing student completion of degrees and certificates by 50 percent by year 2020," said Pan.

"We are well on our way to achieve that goal, and are resolved to continue our pursuit of educational excellence."

The prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

The top 150 colleges are eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize funds.

Ten finalists will be named this fall. The Aspen Institute will then conduct

site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data. A distinguished prize jury will select a grand prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2017.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than seven million students – youth and adult learners – working toward certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

For the first time, the 150 prize-eligible institutions are also invited to nominate exceptional students enrolled in their best middle-skill STEM programs for scholarships.

Up to 50 Siemens Technical Scholars will be selected from programs that provide outstanding preparation for high-demand jobs in manufacturing, energy, health care, and information technology.

Scholarship winners and the programs that deliver rigorous training enabling their success will be announced in fall 2016.

The prize-winning community colleges were selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes in three areas:

Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 full-time equivalent students);

Improvement (awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time); and

Equity (evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students).



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- 14 The Summit *The Manhattan Transfer meets Take 6* 7pm
- 20 Frankie Avalon. 7:30pm
- 21 Lee Ann Womack 7pm
- 27 Steppin' Out LIVE with Ben Vereen & Trio 7:30pm

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- 4 The Second City Fully Loaded . . . 7:30pm
- 5 Vicki Lawrence & Mama: *A Two Woman Show* 7:30pm
- 8-13 Tony n' Tina's Wedding Times Vary
- 18 Rita Rudner 7:30pm
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