

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**AIKEN TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



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DEANNA BRANDENBERGER

Diversity and visibility matter. Race, age, disability, and gender have been traditionally marginalized, but they have nevertheless been ubiquitous and contributed to our collective identity. Students connect when the material is relevant to them and when instructors strive for inclusivity to provoke critical thinking. Pedagogy should be reflective of that principle.

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AHERIAL POLITE

My motivation comes from the students. Everything I do goes into their success. I see them as beacons of knowledge ready to bless the world with their talents and I want to help them reach their goals through caring approaches. Education is one thing no one can take from you. - Elin Nordegren

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CRYSTAL RATLIFF

Numerous barriers impede today's student,s thus making student success/retention work quite a challenge. My motivation comes from creating unique institutional solutions to help students overcome their obstacles and then watching how education can positively impact their lives, the lives of their families, and our communities.

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**ALAMO COLLEGES
DISTRICT**



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AMY CARCANAGUES

We engage with students and the community to support the mission of Alamo Colleges, which is to end poverty through education. I am proud to be part of an organization that truly puts students first every day!

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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CHRYSSA DELGADO

The students we serve inspire me and my work. Our program seeks to end generational poverty and each semester our students show up to change the trajectory of their lives. Their stories have inspired and motivated me to continue to advocate for more equitable policies in higher education.

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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NICOLAS SILVA

Helping students access higher education and realizing their potential drives everything I do. I am truly honored to work alongside a wonderful team of professionals, and to be able to work for a program that is making such an impact in San Antonio.

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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STEVEN SZESZKO

Many times, we are presented with obstacles rather than goals. I enjoy refocusing on the goal and finding ways to correct the obstacle, because most of the time that obstacle is impacting students. By helping to find ways to remove the obstacle it helps clear the path for students to succeed.

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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STEPHANIE VASQUEZ

The resilience and richness of my community, and the endless potential and possibilities it holds, inspires and motivates my drive for success. I commit to securing resources for those seeking a better life and strong future for themselves, their families, and their communities through the pursuit of higher education.

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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DOLORES ZAPATA-CABALLERO

I find great contentment in advocating for education and change. I join my colleagues in making college affordable and mobilizing communities for a better tomorrow. I'm blessed to work in this field.

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

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**ALBANY TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



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LATRONA LANIER

By teaching nursing students, my deep love for learning is being passed on to others, creating a positive change that will outlast myself. Teaching the world's future nurses promotes the value of real-world learning and emphasizes the difference a student's learned knowledge will make in the future.

ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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ANGELINA COLLEGE



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JANICE HUFFMAN

For me, motivation comes from knowing that the work I do helps students achieve dreams that they once thought were impossible. As Audrey Hepburn said, “Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible!’”

ANGELINA COLLEGE

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LAVONUNA PAYNE

When we place a higher value on our community, our colleagues, and our students, teaching will embrace the academic quality and integrity. It will be limited not by economic opportunity but by the vision, dedication, and synergy of all willing to serve benevolently. T.U.L.I.P: Teach, understand, listen, inspire, and praise each student, colleague, and community member.

ANGELINA COLLEGE

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CALVIN ROWLAND

There is a saying around my building that when something needs to be fixed, handled, or taken care of, “Call Calvin!” I have many hats. I help my college in many ways, from making sure the office has coffee to helping with rallies. I also tutor multiple nights a week.

ANGELINA COLLEGE

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**ARIZONA WESTERN
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KAREN DAVILA

I love being able to assist students in achieving their goals. Being on the front line to them has been inspiring. Keeping my VP organized and on schedule, and working with the faculty, staff, and Learning Services team is invaluable. Always remember if you put your mind to it, you can do it!

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RAFAEL ENCINAS

I am motivated in eliminating barriers that hinder student success. I have been motivated and inspired by many teachers who taught me what it means to love the work you do. I remind my fellow teachers that in order to truly honor one's community, you must celebrate their culture.

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

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**ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BILLIE MINER

I remember what it was like, from starting as a new student to becoming an employee, all at ASU Mid-South. Current and former employees have helped me along the way, and I want to do the same for students and employees as long as I am here. I also want to be an inspiration to my children.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH

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LISA VAUGHN

Every day we are blessed with a new opportunity to learn, grow, and sow the seeds of that knowledge into the lives of our community and the students that we serve. Thank you to everyone, and I will continue to do my best to display and meet the mission of ASU Mid-South.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH

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**ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY-BEEBE**



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DANIEL BROCK

I am motivated by students' dedication to learn despite low self-confidence in mathematics and challenges outside the classroom. I learned many years ago that patience, understanding, and a willingness to help goes a long way toward student success.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-BEEBE

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**ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY-NEWPORT**



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SHANNON RILEY

I am the director of surgical technology and still find time to teach in the classroom. I currently serve on the curriculum committee and safety/emergency response committee. I recently joined the athletics task force and am helping to develop an Honors College at ASUN.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-NEWPORT

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**AUGUSTA TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



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CATHERINE HNATKOVICH

As a member of the IT Department, I assist students, faculty, and staff with large and small issues. The job may put emphasis on technological aspects, but a large portion is also customer service. I let my actions reflect what I am willing to take responsibility for.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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KIMBERLY HOLDEN

I am motivated by the power and promise of technical education. As an alumnus of Augusta Technical College, I know firsthand how the education that I received at this institution changed the trajectory of my life. I like knowing that what I do each day may also have an impact on someone else's life.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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AMY LAUGHTER

College is a world of opportunity. Each day I help students to see their potential and to realize their goals. Whether choosing a major, mastering the use of an academic planner, conquering test anxiety, building confidence, or becoming a campus leader - student goals are my goals. They are who inspire me.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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GEORGE NORMAN

Being the custodian in one of the busiest buildings on campus is fulfilling. We are family, we check on each other and care about one another, and that means a lot to me. It is a nice and clean environment, and coming to work each day is a joy.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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VICKI VANDERVELDE

Mistakes grow your brain. After many years of teaching, I have seen the extraordinary power associated with expecting students to both correct mistakes and reflect on them. Explain to me why you made this mistake and how you can avoid it in the future. Let's turn those dreaded mistakes into positive learning experiences.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DONNA WENDT

Excellence surrounds me in my colleagues, college leadership, students, and alumni at Augusta Technical College. I play a tiny support role in a much larger process, with teammates and talent that far outpace what I contribute.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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QUENTIN WHITE

I am inspired by my students. I am inspired by my coworkers. I am inspired by knowing that I could be the one person in someone's life who believes in them and helps them achieve their educational goals. I strive each day to give exemplary customer service.

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**AUSTIN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BEN BERNHARD

I'm inspired to do my part as a professor by everyone at Austin Community College who sees their role as a vital part of the team effort to provide affordable education to anyone who wants it.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SCOTT GOYETTE

Inspiring students to love themselves more and find their individual brilliance is my sole mission as an educator. Specifically, as a management professor, there is nothing more fulfilling than knowing my students will become tomorrow's leaders and they will guide others as I have guided them...with love and empathy.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KISSAOU TCHEDRE

Teaching is more than just giving a lecture. My students are my brothers and sisters. While critically challenging them, I make myself available all the time to listen and allow them to enjoy and learn from my courses. Each student has the potential to bring something unique and special to the world.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**BERGEN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARIELLA SPAGNOLO

I'll reflect on this achievement for the confidence and motivation to continue to share best practices, stimulate, and inspire our next generation of professionals. It's not about me, it's about the students. That is how I define my role at BCC. If I thought otherwise, it would not be the right role for me.

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**BLINN COLLEGE
DISTRICT**



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RACHEL LANDOLT

College is a rite of passage in learning how to interact with society and the job world. Every interaction at our institutions, from the classroom, registration, front counter, and online, is guiding and challenging students to develop crucial life skills in problem solving, resilience, critical thinking, and respect of others.

BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARIA RADUCANU

I believe all students can succeed with persistent effort. I want my students to be completely immersed in the learning process, retrieve what they already know, acquire new knowledge, and learn to apply it. My goal is to help them develop these learning skills. Every student's success is my inspiration and motivation.

BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER SCHAFER

I am motivated and inspired by the students I am able to work with each semester. I strive to be a great role model for them, and to provide resources to help them be more successful in college and in life. I look at it as investing in our future!

BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



GREG WISE

“I believe Theatre and Film are a vital part of teaching us how to participate in ‘walking in someone else’s shoes.’ When students are exposed to a variety of stories, characters, cultures, and situations, they can gain an understanding of how people from different backgrounds think and feel. Theatre and film also offer students.

BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**CAMDEN COUNTY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



CLARISSA COFFAY

Penny Lane, in *Almost Famous* saying, “It’s all happening!” truly relates to the daily interactions I have with my students. Holistic advising has truly helped my students grow since I can help them utilize support services to help them achieve their academic and professional goals.

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NANCY RAFTERY

There are two realities that push me forward as an educator. First, each semester is a brand new beginning with endless opportunities. Second, by teaching, I get to be an eternal student.

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

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**CENTRAL CAROLINA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

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SYLVIA CHRISTIAN-JAMES

My drive is influencing nursing students to excel! A cousin once told me that my calling was to care for, rather than supervise, people. My response was, "I can care for many more by influencing how nurses practice." I view nursing education as my legacy to my profession.

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**CENTRAL NEW
MEXICO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JIM CHONG

I graduated from a vocational technical school where I learned my skills trade. After years of working in the HVACR industry, I decided to give back my skills to the community by educating students to become better technicians for building a better community.

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JAIME DENISON

As a first-generation student from a low-income and culturally diverse community, I love engaging students at CNM in debates involving philosophy, history, technology, and culture, and they bring some much in terms of their experiences and concerns into the discourse. Our students at CNM are truly inspiring!

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RICHARD GAMBINO

I ask my classes what they hope to achieve with their education. One student said, "Mister, I can't keep doing the same [stuff] I've been doing all my life." Give your students the best chance of having options of where to live, work, and with whom.

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ARIZONA GRIEGO

“To get something you’ve never had, you have to do something you never did.” - Denzel Washington. Choose people in your life that bring out the best in you. Inspire others to see their full potential. Keep creating. Keep growing.

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HOLLY HITZEMANN

I am inspired to bring relevant curriculum to all my students, especially those facing significant medical and/or family challenges. In spite of these obstacles, they persist. They teach me to persist and continue to learn about my subject area, best practices in instruction, and how to be an authentic person.

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**CHATTANOOGA STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



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DALE GRISSO

Going to college was not the plan for me. But I am so thankful that Chattanooga State Community College entered the picture. Graduating led to breaking the financial cycle in my family. Now I get to help others do the same. Thank you to EVERYONE who works in Higher Education!

CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JANARIA MCINTOSH

What's the difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then you're given a test; in life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson. If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L means "First Attempt In Learning" Remember if you get a no, N.O. means "Next Opportunity."

CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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COCHISE COLLEGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BRYAN HOMRIGHAUSEN

I strive to help first-generation and underprepared students connect to their campus community, develop relevant skills and behaviors, and plan for a successful future. I am inspired by seeing them succeed, graduate, and transform their futures. It is what keeps me coming back for more.

COCHISE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JESSAMYN SNIDER

Looking outward and experiencing different realities is a powerful tool to help us examine ourselves more deeply. My passion is to help students engage in the community and apply learning in a more in-depth context than the traditional classroom, motivating them to expand their knowledge and personal goals.

COCHISE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



COLLEGE DUPAGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOSEPHINE CAMMALLARIE

Each of my students can seek greatness, no matter their racial, social, or economic background, because I am "their ticket to somewhere." In my class(es), I try to help students understand the language and visualize all types of mathematical problems, making mathematics easy!

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ERIN CETERA

The greatest affirmation of teaching is when my students grow from learners into colleagues. The courses I teach give students the skills they need to run quality programs for young children. Sharing real-world experiences and knowing that we can rely on one another for support is the utmost inspiration to keep doing the work.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DEBBIE HENDERSON

Being a part of COD--a college built and supported by a strong community and dedicated faculty and staff--for 19 years has been rewarding because of who I work with and the students we serve. Providing an open door to students and staff encourages collaboration leading to shared success.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ERICA HOTSINPILLER

Being a teacher requires more than just covering a list of course objectives. I've found that students need an instructor who values them as individuals, cares about their dreams, and helps them along their unique path. I am honored to be a part of each student's story.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MEENU JAMES

What motivates me and drives me is the thought that the education that I provide will not only impact my nursing students but will also impact the thousands of lives they touch as future healthcare workers.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

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**COLLEGE OF LAKE
COUNTY**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KEN KIKUCHI

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



IRIS SEELEY

Career success and fulfillment are a cornerstone of a good life, as they provide the means for financial support, personal growth, and achievement opportunities. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to guide students through a process that has a significant positive impact on their lives.

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN
IDAHO**

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NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARCI BOYLE

I used to think students should be listeners. Now, I know it's complicated. They may not like writing essays, but students want to communicate. Today, I listen more to provide them with opportunities to think, speak, write, and most importantly, to show that I care about their ideas because they're worth caring about.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

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KAMILAH ASABI-WILLIS

I strive to be the change I want to see. My driving force is to remove the barriers that prevent students from achieving academic and career success. Helping others is my passion. Bettering humanity is my hope. I live by the golden rule, "To Treat Others The Way I'd Like To Be Treated."

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AMY BIERHUP

My nursing students motivate me to deliver meaningful simulation experiences that assist them in developing confidence in their nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities. My hope is that students leave simulation with the self-perception that they have what it takes to deliver excellent nursing care in various situations and challenges found in the clinical setting.

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOHN BYERS

Collaborating with students and instructors has allowed me to witness firsthand the impact of education on individuals and communities. It is fulfilling to see students gain new skills and knowledge, and instructors sharing their expertise to inspire and empower others. The dedication and passion of everyone involved is inspirational.

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOHN GUILLORY

I am inspired by each student that I come across and my hope is that I inspire and motivate them as well. My goal is to make them realize their gifts and talents. I strive to give each student a personalized experience that they can carry with them after their time at Collin College.

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TONYA MCMILLION

My video production students constantly motivate me. Their dedication and hard work toward creating unique and captivating content are admirable. Their creativity in their projects is inspiring, and their limitless potential is a testament to their passion and commitment to their craft.

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DANIEL QUONG

As a graphic designer, I enjoy creating visuals that inspire students to find their passions and achieve their goals. My motivation is continual learning and overcoming complex challenges to help create a positive college experience for all.

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BRYAN RUSSELL

I am honored to work at Collin College Law Enforcement Academy. The following is a quote from a former cadet: "I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for everything you taught me in the academy. You single-handedly had the biggest impact on me as a student in the academy."

COLLIN COLLEGE

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Ed Sullivan said, "If you do a good job for others, you heal yourself at the same time, because a dose of joy is a spiritual cure. It transcends all barriers." If this doesn't provide enough energy to motivate someone, eventually he/she will die from lack of poor quality.

ERWIN WHITLOCK

COLLIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**COLUMBIA BASIN
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KATHERINE (KATIE) BANKS

Civic literacy is empowering. I urge students to complement their education by writing elected officials, attending council meetings, and attending community events. By participating in the democratic process, they gain a deeper understanding of sociopolitical issues, enhance critical-thinking skills, and affect change. This transforms their learning into engagement, fostering a new generation of changemakers.

COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**COLUMBIA STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KENNETH PENCE

I find success in teaching, when at the end of the semester, my students enjoyed learning and themselves succeeded in learning.

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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CHUDA BARAL

A teacher is not someone who lectures and requires students to remember information, but instead, is a facilitator of learning who challenges, motivates, and actively engages students in a learning community. In my mathematics classroom, I focus on motivating students in learning, promoting critical-thinking skills, creating an interactive environment, and providing interdisciplinary examples.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RICHARD ITALIANO

What inspires me in my role as a teacher?
Enlightening students about what is out there in the world, showing them what is possible, and leading them to find and realize their goals.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BETH LATTONE

Knowledge is one of the few things that increases when it's given to another. I learn from my students while they're learning from me about what it means to serve and protect our community as first responders, and I believe we're all better for having shared the classroom space.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA

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JASON RAY

When I began my teaching career I was asked, "Are you here to serve students or are you here to save students?" The question, along with my answer, has remained within me every day I am with students. I am here to serve students, and no student needs to be saved.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA

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THERESA LAVIN

I am inspired by the drive and determination of our low-income students. Their tenacity and academic exploration motivates me to work hard to provide financial opportunities for their success. I believe that the best way to provide excellent customer service is by anticipating the needs of the students before they ask questions.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

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PETER LINDSTROM

It is an honor to serve students from historically marginalized communities and, with their guidance, transform our college to be ready for others following in their footsteps. It is their success that drives me and my colleagues every single day.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

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BOB MILLER

Don't forget that humans come first in human resources! Investing yourself in the personal and professional well-being of your fellow humans gives your work meaning, and yields dividends for employees and employers alike.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

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KAYLAH ZELIG

The longer I work in higher education, the less I know and the more I need to stop and listen. The more I replace certainty with curiosity. I am indebted to my colleagues, and our students, for showing that curious listening brings me to better leading.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

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CAROL PATNAUDE

I am a firm believer in the following quote: "If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life." It is an honor and privilege for me to come to work each day to be inspired and learn from and with my colleagues and students.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND

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**COPIAH-LINCOLN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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FELISHA HAMPTON

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." For our students to become agents of change, we must equip them with the knowledge they need to become world changers. Not only will they change the world, but they will educate it.

COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**COUNTY COLLEGE OF
MORRIS**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MICHELLE IDEN

Charlie Chaplin is quoted as saying, "You have to believe in yourself. That's the secret." Our students are capable of wonderful things and it's a joy to help guide them realize their potential as they grow to believe in themselves.

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RAFAEL RIVERA

Printing Coordinator and Offset Specialist at County College of Morris. I work with many different departments on and off campus to fulfill their printing needs. I take great pride in my work and enjoy interacting with students, faculty and staff. My motto is "It Takes Team Work to Make Dream Work".

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**DANVILLE AREA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RENA PATE

In addition to teaching at the college, I have spent 35 years teaching first through third graders. I quickly realized the two jobs are very similar. Students come into the classroom excited to experience new things and a little anxious about the unknowns. It is my responsibility to help them maintain that excitement throughout the term.

DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**DAYTONA STATE
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ELIZABETH BARNES

As a reflective writing teacher, I try to create a truly democratic classroom, one in which students and teacher act as co-authors and partners. This pedagogical space encourages collaboration as we discover our shared values and learn to appreciate the unique and varied experiences that shape our perspectives.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LISA KOOGLE

Higher education changed my life trajectory and has been my life's work ever since. My grandmother, who had just a sixth-grade education, lived to see me earn a Ph.D. What else can transform lives and families as fully in just two generations as the incredible power of learning?

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MIGUEL RIVERA

As students focus on achieving their academic goals, they are also trying to balance several challenges in their lives. As teachers we have the responsibility of being role models in supporting all students and demonstrating positive well-being. Being able to contribute to my students' success is my success.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DAVID TATUM

Technology is an educational force multiplier. It can bridge gaps, bring us closer together, and enhance educational opportunities and experiences in ways that continue to amaze. As an information technology professional, it is my passion to ensure our college faculty and staff have the robust technology infrastructure they need to succeed.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

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**DELGADO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

LAWRENCE STAMAS

I maintain enthusiasm and awareness of student needs. I ensure new lessons are taught according to student abilities. My strategies include being able to help, using the textbook, asking questions, allowing peer collaboration, accommodating different learning levels, and providing a positive, nurturing environment. Wisdom includes the patience to engage all students and ensure no students left behind.

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**DRAKE STATE
COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LAUREN BURRUSS

I love teaching and engaging with my students. It is important for me pour into my students the benefits of the knowledge, and experiences I have gained. I teach because I want to inspire individuals to become the best version of themselves, and for my students to become excellent healthcare workers.

DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MATTAVIA WARD

Being an educator means that I never stop learning. I am inspired by the students who have lived life and now want to see what else lies ahead for them. They teach their fellow students so much.

DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



STACY BELLVILLE

I am motivated by a sense of purpose that comes from working in a field that has the potential to change lives. Words of wisdom: Be kind. Kindness is powerful and can make a big difference in someone's life. Spread positivity and compassion wherever you go.

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER HIGERD

In ceramics, the process of making a new object (out of thin air!) can be daunting. I remind students to let the project exist and remain in the ugly duckling phase to start. Let it be wonky and a little uncomfortable. Later, when it's ready, you can smooth and refine.

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ALICE WHALEN

Anyone who needs another chance to complete their high school education should have that opportunity. It's better for all of us when they are able to get even one step closer. When they succeed, it's a great celebration. New doors are opened to a life where success may at last be had. Such hope!

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**EASTERN IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOHN DABEET

It is important to invest in our student's education as they become our future leaders. Education paved the road to success for everyone and we owe it to our students.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AMY FOLEY

My students, who negotiate daily barriers to attain a higher education for themselves and for their loved ones, inspire me. Alongside them, I have the beautiful privilege of exploring questions I so deeply love - questions about who we are as humans, and why we do what we do.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**EASTERN NEW MEXICO
UNIVERSITY-ROSWELL**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TORY NORRIS

As a nurse, my goal has always been to be a positive impact on my patients' situation, day, or life. As a nurse educator, I can teach my students to provide similarly impactful nursing care. It is so rewarding to know that my students will go on to impact many lives in their nursing careers.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY-ROSWELL

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**ELGIN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

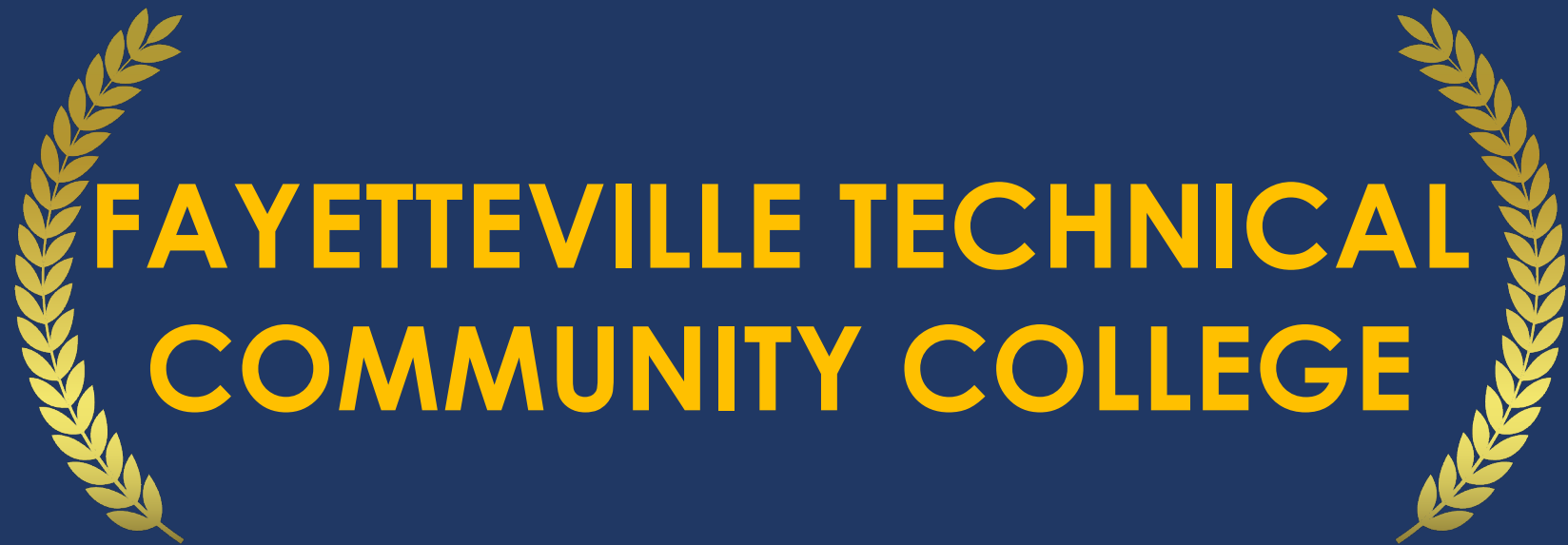


ERIN VOBORNIK

Engaging students as partners in learning has helped my classroom evolve into a space of collaboration. Centering student voices and leadership inspires learners to become strong self-advocates, which serves not only them, but our whole institution.

ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The logo for Fayetteville Technical Community College is centered within a dark blue rectangular frame. It consists of the college's name in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, flanked by two symmetrical laurel wreaths. The wreaths are composed of numerous small, pointed leaves, creating a curved border around the text.

**FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



EILEEN HATCH

"Be a voice, not an echo." All of our students have a story to tell. Sometimes we need to help them find their voice and use it to advocate for themselves and their future. As students learn to use their voice, they create opportunities for success.

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER OSBORN

I am humbled and honored to be chosen as a recipient of this award. Thank you!

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOYCE PETTENGILL

The presentation of information is not the true challenge. The true challenge for educators is engaging their students to "think." In comparison, teaching is like cooking. You can place a plate of food in front of a hungry individual but they must consume and digest the food in order to reap the full benefit.

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SUMMER PORTER

I am inspired and motivated by the little girl who I once was who never imagined getting to where I am today. A few words of wisdom I'd like to share: "If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten". Don't be afraid of a challenge.

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SARA SMITH

I learn something new every day by watching my students work. My lesson plans are ever evolving and adapting to different learning styles and new technologies. Growing as an instructor is essential to becoming a better instructor and when students see I am not perfect, it encourages them to try harder.

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARSHALL WASHINGTON

Professionally, it brings me great joy to make investments and deposits in others. I choose to become an educator to have a positive impact on the lives of others. I enjoy contributing to creating belonging and engaging learning environments where students can be their best every day. That is inspiring.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MICHAEL MCGOWAN

My whole life I've been inspired by artistic greatness, which finds its way into my scholarship in philosophy and religion. Lately, however, I've been motivated by American institutional stability, and I use my classes to promote the societal benefits of principle-centered anti-extremism, social and political moderation, and compromise.

FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
AT JACKSONVILLE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



THERESA DYER-KRAMER

Over my professional and educational career, I have had the opportunity to meet many exceptional educators. Each has taught me a lesson about the importance of excellence in educating the next generation. If I can inspire one person in their journey, I will have completed my life's work.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

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FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENIAH JONES

I am honored to continue serving students and staff in the FSCJ community and the bold new city of the south - Jacksonville, Florida. An artist is only as good as their materials, so this award is a testament to how phenomenal our students really are.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



INDRANI SINDHUVALLI

My classroom is a microcosm of my community. I am inspired, energized and motivated by my students daily. From veterans to early college and dual enrolled students, they each bring their unique strengths and contribute to our shared classroom experience. It is a privilege to be a part of their journey.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**FORSYTH TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SHAUNE ALLEYNE

Being a servant leader motivates me. Seeing the results of my daily work and how it impacts others is very rewarding. As a human resource professional, you must be able to exemplify the human aspect of the word human resources; be intentional/adaptable so that you are able to connect with all levels of the organization.

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AMY BALL BRASWELL

As a first-generation college student, I understand the importance of education on economic mobility and work daily to improve college processes to promote student success. I live by the words of a former mentor, "Success is doing the best you can, with what you have, where you are."

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AMANDA DAVIS

Creating an open and welcoming space where students feel they belong and are free to learn by making mistakes is essential in mathematics before content even begins. Reducing math anxiety, creating positive experiences, and helping build confidence by sharing my love of math with kindness and a sense of humor is the goal each day.

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RICK FOSTER

Booker T. Washington said, "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." I firmly believe that if I can help someone else become the best version of themselves, academically or otherwise, I am serving my purpose in life! Gratitude and a positive mental attitude, no matter what!

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JULIAN JACKSON

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” - Maya Angelou

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DELLA LAWSON

Roles shift. Seasons change. But in finding my purpose, I daily strive to follow John Wesley's words, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, in every place you can, with all the zeal you can."

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DANIELLE ROSE

Designing and launching LEAP, our college's Learn and Earn Apprenticeship Program, taught me the value in partnerships. The work we do in community colleges serves our community because of partnerships. My word of advice is "it just takes one." Find a true partner and the possibilities are endless!

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KONRAD (JAY) WALSH

Meeting a student where they are is a priority for me. Building a culture where students feel welcome and can flourish and persevere is critical to building successful outcomes. I am inspired to see students go from "cannot" to "can do" each day.

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HANNAH WILSON

Michelle Obama said what I seek to live by, “I am still in progress, and I hope that I always will be.” I passionately believe that our goals are to continually strive towards progress. I'm inspired that we can learn, grow, and cultivate an equitable community together where every student feels like the only student.

FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**FREDERICK COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ELIZABETH (BETTY) BENNETT

Each semester my students answer questionnaires (seen only by me) from which I learn more about them, their challenges, and talents. For example, one student has five children under the age of ten, and another can speak five languages. Many have significant personal and family challenges. Get to really know your students! They'll inspire your instructional techniques.

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER MOXLEY

Engaging students outside of the classroom is the most rewarding yet challenging job. You can make a real impact on a student's life and offer them opportunities they may not get to experience otherwise. There is nothing better than being part of that journey and I am so grateful to learn from them as well.

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**GATEWAY TECHNICAL
COLLEGE (WI)**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MICHELLE BARNES

Life happens! Be ready! Use the DOC model: Dilemma, Options, Consequences. I love teaching students to strip a situation down to the facts and leave out the emotions, conjecture, and ego. I love to push students to think outside of the norm and use real-world applications.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WI)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NICOLE DUTTON

Get to know your students, listen to their struggles, and feel what they feel. Be empathetic to their needs and life circumstances. Provide unique activities, opportunities to collaborate, and real-life stories. Meaningful learning comes from the emotional and intellectual connections that a learner makes with the course content.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WI)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

PETER PHAM

Teaching has always been challenging and rewarding. To ignore one or to glorify the other doesn't give proper respect to either. In ensuring we meet the needs of local industries in preparing qualified students, we must also do our best to meet the needs of the students learning those skills.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WI)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**GEORGIA STATE
UNIVERSITY'S PERIMETER
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KEISHA BROWN

I genuinely love what I do. I have the privilege of assisting people in reaching their goals by helping them to learn mathematics and statistics. With an education, the doors of opportunity are opened, and options abound.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY'S PERIMETER COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ERNIE GUYTON

Never be fully satisfied with your teaching style and materials. There's always room to improve. It's the love of the job that drives the work, and the desire to impart knowledge in the most effective way. Always remember how important this job is to individuals and society at large.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY'S PERIMETER COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MICHAEL NELSON

Most students come in with a very negative attitude about chemistry. It is my job to engage each of them and teach them how chemistry is an integral part of their lives and inspire them to want to learn more about how chemistry connects to nearly everything.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY'S PERIMETER COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**GRAND RAPIDS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARNE APOLO

As an instructor, my students remain the most influential part of my work. I am excited to share how the study of communication can create personal growth and strengthen relationships. When a student shows how a theory lives in their own experience, it is pure joy for me.

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**GREENVILLE TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LISA BRANHAM

I am inspired by my students in the administrative office technology program. They are committed to improving their lives and the lives of their families through education. My students demonstrate commitment, resilience, and dedication every day. Their effort reminds me to demonstrate those same traits in my life and in my role as an educator.

GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JULIE MCARDLE

As an individual that was not encouraged to go to college, I started my education at a community college and failed miserably before getting my act together and became a first-generation college graduate. I am honored to be recognized by NISOD and by my college.

GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**GUTTMAN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LAURA FRITZ

My passion for working to increase access and success in higher education stems from a core belief that a quality education should be a right for all and not a privilege for some. I aspire to make a positive, long-lasting impact in higher education that benefits students, their families, and the greater NYC community!

GUTTMAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

TOM MARTIN

My career ambition is to highlight the intelligence behind practical work. The Ethnographies of Work program at Guttman Community College (CUNY) gives me a space to help students see that work is not just about financial success, but also discovering what you are capable of as a human being.

GUTTMAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AYECHIA PEREZ-CRUZ

My distinctive life journey and family drive my passion and motivate me to help others. I feel humbled and honored to work in a diverse college community where I can continue to grow and learn from students, staff, and faculty.

GUTTMAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**HARFORD COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BREONNA MARTIN

Learning inspires growth and growth promotes achievement. When we help our students cultivate a love of learning, we equip them with an invaluable tool for accomplishing their goals.

HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**HARRISBURG AREA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MELINDA EASH

I listen to and support students while challenging them to think critically and problem solve. Make the classroom, whether real or virtual, engaging. I am inspired by students who succeed despite difficult circumstances. The ultimate reward is seeing students in the community using what they have learned and making valuable contributions.

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



PETER MILLER

People inherently want to learn. My passion for facilitating spurs this process. When a problem arises, I seek to fix it with constant doggedness until the student, faculty, or staff member is satisfied, and their understanding is complete. My passion shines brightest when I see that glow of understanding.

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LAUREN THOMPSON

Today's students take on challenges that have never been seen before. They never ask too much from us, yet in return, give so much of themselves to the world. I never underestimate what a smile or a kind word can do for them. Grace is in short supply, give freely.

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HILL COLLEGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



FRANCES BURT

“Monitor and adjust,” a phrase my former principal Bob Callahan said often, is my teaching mantra. An effective instructor must recognize when a lesson or method isn’t working and be willing to adapt. Creativity and imagination are essential tools not only to help students learn, but to model how innovation helps overcome life’s challenges.

HILL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**HOUSTON COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ALISSA DE JONGH

Laughter and learning go hand in hand. B.B. King said, “The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.” It’s my goal to ensure that my students graduate with a mind full of skin science, bold confidence, and the heart to go serve their clients through the gift of touch.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



AMY DOPIERALA

What I have learned is that it doesn't take an extraordinary lesson to positively impact students. If we care for our students and are passionate about teaching, the rest will work itself out. We may have been teaching for a lifetime, but they are hearing it for the very first time.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JING SUN

I am inspired by our students, who are full-time employees, or single mothers with several children, or first-generation immigrants, but still manage to find time to embark on academic enlightenment. All of these ambitious people deserve someone to help them realize their dreams and I am willing to be the catalyst in their success formulas.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**HUDSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

KARINA ARANGO

My inspiration comes from seeing my students be able to complete task that others may take for granted. As a student success coach for the incarcerated population of Hudson County, I find it very fulfilling to see these men and women gain a second chance at life and an opportunity to make a positive change.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ALISON BACH

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MARIAN BETANCOURT

I always seek opportunities to be part of the change I long to see in my community. Turning fences into bridges and knowing that our limitations will be transformed into bridges to new opportunities and horizons.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LISA BOGART

Our students humble me daily as they juggle all they do to obtain a degree in higher education. As a librarian, I am keenly interested in teaching students how to effectively locate, use, and interpret academically acceptable and credible research that meets their needs.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HEATHER CONNORS

Each of our students has a complex life we should remain mindful of as we facilitate their learning experiences. Build a classroom environment that promotes safety, honesty, and space for errors as they learn.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JASON FIGUEROA

What motivates and inspires me in my work is when I can sit down with someone who is first-generation and explain to them everything they need, answer all their questions, calm their fears, and watch them leave happy and ready for their first semester. It's a great feeling.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNY HENRIQUEZ

"I walk slowly, but I never walk backward." - Abraham Lincoln, by way of a faculty advisor (HCCC 2006), and I pass it to our students. Every day I am inspired and humbled by the responsibility of helping shape students' futures, whether from my classroom or as a member of the advisement department.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KAREN HOSICK

I want to thank all of my students and colleagues who inspire me to be a better teacher every day.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DARRYL JONES

As a chief academic officer, the work I do is so incredibly important and rewarding. Each day is a pleasure working with talented faculty and colleagues across the college to advance student access, success, and completion.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MACHLI JOSEPH

Using a holistic and proactive approach to student success and equity, Hudson County Community College allows my colleagues and me to solve some of the challenges colleges and universities face: Keeping students engaged, helping students set career and personal goals, and helping them understand how their goals build to a plan for academic success.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ARA KARAKASHIAN

Successful alumni who return to HCCC seeking to employ our students is the epitome of my inspiration. There is no better way to be reminded of our impact on people's lives. Our neighbors continue to rely on community colleges for life-changing opportunities; let's continue to deliver them for years to come.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



CRAIG MCLAUGHLIN

Adaptation and innovation are crucial to being a great educator. If you are still using the same methods from a few years ago, the students are being done a disservice. Fresh approaches foster more interest and involvement and correlate highly with student success

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



FABIOLA OCCEAN

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DOREEN PONTIUS

Strong leaders inspire their team members to grow by connecting with them, working together, and supporting them. Teach others to help the students by encouraging a culture of care. Student success depends on offering staff and teacher training opportunities on mental health and suicide prevention. Listening and asking questions makes you a good leader.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KATHLEEN SMITH-WENNING

As a registered respiratory therapist and applied medical anthropologist, I am dedicated to enhancing the quality of life, developing courses and programs to contribute to and influence communities' education, health, and well-being at the local, state, national, and international levels.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



CARRIE XIAO

My primary motivation is to create a learning environment that is inclusive and supportive, where every student feels valued and encouraged. It is essential to recognize and appreciate the diverse skills, abilities, and backgrounds that each student brings to the classroom.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOAN CURTIS

There is a deep satisfaction that comes from being there for others. It's a joy to provide what is needed to help others succeed. There's a thrill in being organized, in the depths of spreadsheets, creating efficient ways to accomplish things, and helping others achieve their goals. A job well done.

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**KANSAS CITY KANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JELENA OZEGOVIC

I hope that my passion for teaching comes through in everything that I do for my students. I also hope to inspire them to become passionate about what they want to do. Education can change lives and I am lucky to be a part of that process for so many students over the years.

KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KILGORE COLLEGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



COURTNEY AKVAN

I am inspired by the radiologic science students I teach. So many have overcome such odds to get into our vigorous program and continue to work through challenges while completing their education. As an educator, it is rewarding to see them grow into professional healthcare workers.

KILGORE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOSEPH KIRCHHOFF

I always remember that I was once a student—and often not very strong. Give every chance and assistance for students to do the work and let them decide their fate. Students will not always be students. One day they will be much more—they will be peers.

KILGORE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE
ORANGE**

Two golden laurel wreaths are positioned on either side of the college name, curving upwards and outwards to frame the text. The wreaths are made of many small, pointed leaves.

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ANGELA COLE

Teaching is an art form and learning is the masterpiece. I learn as much from students as I teach and take their ideas and put them into practice. Success in nursing education is realized when your former students are providing care to your loved ones in a caring, compassionate, and knowledgeable manner.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

TAMMY DAVIS

Seeing students go from being insecure to becoming confident future nurses inspires me. Explaining expectations and allowing students to find what works best for them is how I teach. "People may forget what you said or did, but will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



WENDY ELMORE

As a visionary and collaborative leader, I remain laser-focused on students, my colleagues, and the communities I serve. My daily goals are to maximize opportunities for students to attain high-quality and relevant credentials, improve equity in student access and learning, and positively influence socioeconomic mobility.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SHERRI FOREMAN

My nursing students inspire and motivate me. One of my favorite things about being an educator is when my students finally connect the dots. Always strive to find new innovative ways to promote student success. Nursing education and how students learn are changing, and we must change with it.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JESSICA JAEGER

Albert Einstein said, “Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” Encouragement and making others feeling valued is a currency that has the potential of a great return on investment. The return comes in the form of personal and professional success.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



STEPHANIE JONES

I firmly believe it is crucial to exemplify professional behavior and appearance to colleagues, students, and the community, and in my role, I get to model that belief every day. I am also very motivated and inspired to work in an environment where I have the opportunity to grow, develop, and contribute to the organization.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SAMANTHA SMITH

Learning is an unending, lifelong journey. As a librarian, I am driven by getting to join and assist my patrons for a few steps on their journey and enriched by the things I learn while in their service.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KRISTIN WALKER

As a change agent, I am driven by empowering colleagues to be bold and brave in creating a bright future for the students of Lamar State College Orange. I believe a smile can be what makes a difference for someone every day. Collaboration is key and an open mind is necessary.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



CINDY WYLES

Proverbs tells us that where there is no vision, people perish. Every day I strive to create hope and support opportunities to generate a vision of success for all staff, faculty, and students. With this vision for success, we will most assuredly gain a brighter, stronger future.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**LARAMIE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER QUERRY

One of the most inspiring aspects of teaching is witnessing the change of a nervous student into a confident nurse. It is an honor to be a part of each student's journey and to assist them in their development into profession that will have a direct impact on society.

LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LAREDO COLLEGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BRENDA ESQUIVEL

The most important concept that I teach my students is not how to solve equations, but how to become lifelong learners. I feel I have succeeded when students leave my classroom comfortable with making mistakes and knowledgeable enough to improve. Every mistake made is another step in our journey to success.

LAREDO COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HORTENCIA GONZALEZ

One of my life goals is to help others develop a sense of self-belief that will enable them to achieve their full potential. Aiming to set an example by living according to my core principles of helpfulness, forgiveness, compassion, empathy, and perseverance. Lead by example and love my neighbor as I love myself and God.

LAREDO COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS




QINGGUO MENG


As a highly experienced professor with a PhD and more than 10 years of teaching experience, I am passionate about inspiring and helping my students develop the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their chosen field. I am committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and integrity.

LAREDO COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**LAUREL
BUSINESS/TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOANNE BONOMI

The gifts we receive are the opportunities we have to support others' development and growth. As an individual who believes in paying it forward, my goal is to support students' ability to reach beyond what they already know and develop who they want to become. This ensures valuable contributions to society.

LAUREL BUSINESS/TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



BONNIE MARSH

Some talk about work-life balance, but that implies a separation of the two on separate sides of the scale. I prefer the term work-life harmony, where excellence is achieved by integrating who you are personally and professionally into a single sense of self.

LAUREL BUSINESS/TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DENISE MESSENGER

My job has me greeting students when they start at Laurel College of Technology and giving tearful goodbyes when they graduate. I follow their education through scheduling, awards, diplomas, and last but not least, "career placement." We are blessed with many successful students and I am honored to be just a small part of it!

LAUREL BUSINESS/TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**LAWSON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MATRIKA BEAUCHAMP

“Relationships, not power, drive you forward.”
— Kim Malone Scott

I am inspired by my colleagues! Every day I get to see different challenges and opportunities for growth. I love having the opportunity to assist in the development of others and the advancement of my institution.

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ALLEN LAMB

Seeing my students gain employment and succeed in our industry is extremely rewarding. The skills they learn are so valuable. Graduates can quickly reap the benefits and begin establishing a stable income. Being able to stay in contact and follow them through their careers is a rare opportunity that I value immensely.

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**LONE STAR COLLEGE
SYSTEM**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TIM MOUSEL

As a Kinesiology professor, I aim to ignite curiosity and inspire students to think critically about lifelong health. By doing this, they'll apply the lessons from my class to their everyday lives, creating lasting, positive impacts on their well-being and overall health.

LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ERIN RANFT

Science fiction legend Octavia Butler wrote that "the only lasting truth is change," and this is a quote I often revisit with each new semester because as an educator I want to grow, learn, and change with and for my students.

LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**LONE STAR COLLEGE-
CYFAIR**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MATTHEW BACKER

Give students the appropriate tools and a challenge, and you'll be amazed at what they achieve. Students construct knowledge through active engagement. I provide as many opportunities as I can, both in class and outside class, for students to do the work themselves and take control of their own learning.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-CYFAIR

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The logo for Lone Star College-Houston North is centered on a dark blue background. It features the college's name in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is flanked by two golden laurel wreaths, one on the left and one on the right, which curve upwards and outwards. The entire logo is enclosed within a thin yellow border that has a rounded top-right corner.

**LONE STAR COLLEGE-
HOUSTON NORTH**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



CHRIS TREVINO

I aim to inspire my students by talking to them at their level and let them know they are not alone in this academic journey. It is important to stay positive, motivating, and inspiring and remind them to graduate and stay focused. Their family is looking up to them to lead them and stay the course.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-HOUSTON NORTH

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The logo for Lone Star College-North Harris is centered within a laurel wreath. The wreath is composed of two branches of leaves, one on the left and one on the right, curving upwards and inwards to frame the text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, with the college name split across two lines.

**LONE STAR COLLEGE-
NORTH HARRIS**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



EDUVIGIS MARRERO

What motivates me is that unexpected email or visit from a former student who took my class two or three years ago and vividly lets me know about their academic achievements. Their stories of success keep me learning, creating, and applying new trends in my classroom.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-NORTH HARRIS

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RAJRANI SHARMA

Tell me and I forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-NORTH HARRIS

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SARAH STEWART

My passion for teaching and desire to positively impact students' lives inspires and motivates me in my work. I strive for success by creating engaging and effective learning experiences, building meaningful relationships with students, staying current with educational research and technology, and continuously reflecting on and improving my teaching practices.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-TOMBALL

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MACOMB COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KEITH ZABOZNY

I strive to give my students in-class experiences that prepare them for the "real world" of cybersecurity. I cannot predict what situations they will face after they graduate, but I hope I have helped them attain skills and knowledge that prepare them for almost anything.

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MADISONVILLE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LORETTA ELDER

I love teaching others and seeing others be successful is a motivator for me. A key strategy for me is to help students move beyond simple expectations. My key words of wisdom for other educators are to always be kind and give more than what is expected. Student success is my driving force.

MADISONVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MALCOLM X COLLEGE



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LORITA COLLINS

My inspiration reverberates around student success and achievement. Within my role, I am blessed with the opportunity to meet and service a vast volume of aspiring nursing students, which is not taken lightly. I am encouraged by student enthusiasm and I continuously strive to be a positive influence.

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ERIN DICAPO

It is my honor to educate Physical Therapist Assistant students, who will serve our Chicago communities.

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JONATHAN SISK

Keeping students at the center of all decision making is paramount to success in higher education, especially athletics. The student-athletes drive the culture and resource assessments for our department and keeping them at the center creates a culture of buy-in and goal attainment, first for the student-athletes, then for the department.

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MARION TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DARLENE LEWIS

It has been a privilege and honor to work for Marion Technical College. It is amazing to be even a small part of changing a student's life as they leave with a degree and walk into a career. I am truly honored to be recognized as a 2023 NISOD Excellence Award Recipient.

MARION TECHNICAL COLLEGE

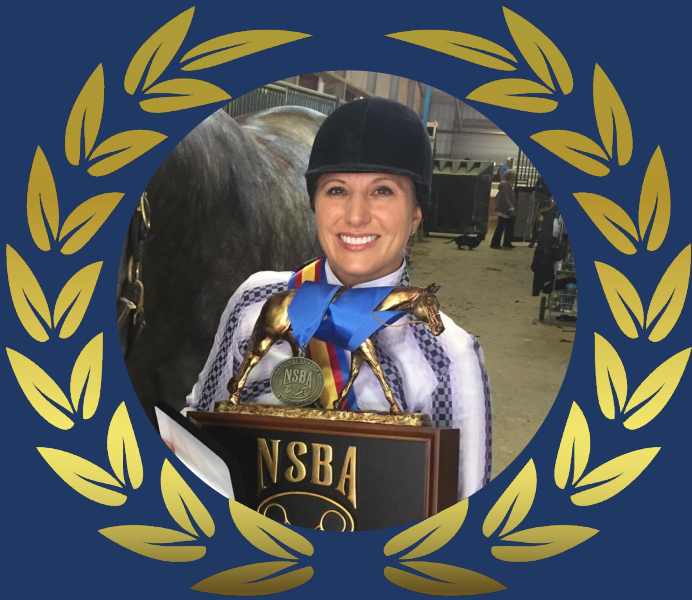
NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MARTIN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TAMMIE THURSTON

The path to an equine career is not an easy one; you have to be a strong, smart, and tenacious with an tremendous work ethic. I am so thankful to be a part of the North Carolina community college system that makes that path accessible and affordable for any student who dares to pursue their dreams.

MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MIKKEN CANHAM

It's a wonderful experience to see others grow, realize their capabilities, and succeed. To see that process in our employees, faculty and staff, is another level of joy. Never stop exploring new topics or learning in new directions.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ORLANDO JIMENEZ

It's important to always have a welcoming smile, to be available to listen to others, and to let people know you care. I encourage our students to not give up when they are having a hard day, to let them know they can succeed. Our students inspire me to be at my best each day.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



PAULINA SIDWELL

Empathy is an essential quality in an educator. And what fosters empathy more than being students ourselves? Our willingness to learn—from our students, colleagues, new educational research, and through feedback and evaluations—will help us become the best educators we can be.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

CHRISTINE ATKINSON

I am passionate about the community college mission to provide affordable access to postsecondary education opportunities, greatly contributing to the democratization of higher education in the United States. I am fortunate to work with amazing colleagues and privileged to establish meaningful and caring relationships with a diverse group of students. I love my work!

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DACHIA BUSCH

My inspiration comes from people who want to be better and do better for themselves and their communities. I love to learn, teach, and experience new things that challenge my thinking and expand my understanding. My success is driven by a need or request to improve or change something using creativity, resourcefulness, collaboration, and advocacy.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOAN GORMAN

Staying connected with program graduates affords me the opportunity to celebrate their successes. I love their excitement and am fortunate that I am a person they choose to share their "wins" with. Having played a small role in their professional journey is quite the blessing.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KIMBERLY GREENE

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JESSICA HALPERIN

As a first-generation college student, I sometimes felt as though I did not belong on campus. This fueled my desire to help students feel a sense of belonging. I embrace opportunities to mentor my students inside and outside of the classroom; they need not question if they belong on campus.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



KAITLYN KELLEY

I am passionate about higher education and student success. When we ensure access and resources to support students inside and outside the classroom, it will enhance their student experience. Through student engagement and leadership development, our students will make the world a better place!

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ZACK MCNEIL

I love getting to know my students' professional ambitions, putting them on the best academic path, and helping them achieve goals to make their dreams become a reality. It's so rewarding to walk alongside them during their academic journey.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



VICTORIA RICE

Einstein once said, "The most important thing is to never stop questioning." While working with students, we should constantly look for ways to ensure we are providing the best resources to the greatest number of students. We should always ask how to help all students succeed on our campuses by providing as many accessible resources as possible.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



STEPHANIE SCHOENING

College is a chance to re-invent yourself. Using your campus counselor provides the support, coping skills, and goal clarification needed to approach this opportunity with intention. The guaranteed way to not get something you need is to not ask for it!

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KC)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NE)**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



LARRY WILLIAMS

After decades in the tv/film industry, I'm pleased to find an equally stimulating experience teaching screenwriting and television production at the college level. I enjoy showing media-savvy students how to harness the elements of storytelling. Even as technology evolves, the best new media will be anchored in a good story.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NE)

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TRINIDAD ARGUELLES

My work is inspired by seeing mentees grow into independent thinkers, motivated by a thirst for knowledge and a passion to serve. Strategies that drive my success are empowering my students to work in groups, conduct undergraduate research, and share their voice. Living and learning is my biggest lesson.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SAMANTHA CARLO

It is my privilege to work with students who are getting a second chance at life. Not every student grows up believing they are “college material.” I believe it is my responsibility to help empower my students through educational opportunities and help them see that they are deserving of a quality education.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ANA CORRALES

My aim is to motivate students to become change makers benefiting our community, using the skills they learn in economics/business to solve the critical issues facing Miami. We each have a role to play in being a force for good, inside and outside the classroom. By showing them my willingness to serve, they in turn will serve, too.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOSH ELLIS

I am so lucky to have my dream job teaching filmmaking where I get to help others achieve their own dream jobs working in the industry. Plus, we get to watch movies almost every day as part of our work!

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JOHN FRAZIER

I want to empower my students to create a meaningful life, a happy life, a changemaking life that betters themselves, their families, and their communities. We educators have a remarkable opportunity (and responsibility) to help our youth make sense of our tumultuous world and to reimagine what is possible.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ARLEN GARCIA

Passion for my discipline and being able to share and pass on what I have learned is priceless for our students. Being part of their academic journey is an honor and humbling experience. This happens everyday in our classrooms. Walk the talk, model and serve with excellence. Students will remember.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SHERYL HARTMAN

Teaching brings me joy. Guiding others and stimulating critical analysis and ownership of thought and action prepares an individual for lifelong participation as an engaged citizen of the world.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JAIRO LEDESMA

I learn, therefore, I am. This statement is at the core of my teaching philosophy. As an educator, I take great pride in having students understand their educational journey as a lifelong process that encompasses their academic, professional, personal, and social preparation.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



M. NIA MADISON

Making a positive and lasting impact in my students' lives inspires and motivates me. Providing students with engaging, interactive research opportunities fosters their growth and drives my success. I encourage students to celebrate successes while embracing challenges and failures. They are simply life's detours and opportunities for growth.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MID-PLAINS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MANDY FLESCH

Life experiences fueled my passion to become a nurse. I wanted to take care of people the way my mom's nurses took care of her. The opportunity to cultivate and train new nurses is the most fulfilling part of being a nursing instructor.

MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MIDLANDS TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DEBRA GALLOWAY

By fostering a learning environment that balances technology with the practical and theoretical skills required for a paralegal to be successful, I am honored to participate in shaping and molding the next generation of assets to the legal field.

MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**MONTGOMERY
COLLEGE**



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



MOHAMED EL MUWAQQAT

My ultimate goal is to promote student success and graduation. I'm passionate about creating solutions that enhance education and access. My advice: Never stop learning and always seek ways to improve student outcomes, no matter how small. Each improvement contributes to making a significant difference in student success.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JENNIFER KNOWLTON

I attempt to instill a life-long learning mentality in my students as much as possible. Education is the key to empowerment and understanding that education should not end after graduation is critical.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

METTA LASH

I believe libraries are essential in supporting excellence in higher education and I appreciate the chance to be an advocate for the life-long learning skill of information literacy. More than ever, the ability to evaluate and use information in a knowledgeable and ethical way is critical to individuals and societies.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ARIFUR RAHMAN

My all-time wisdom is not to miss any opportunity to use my expertise in my workplace. My motivation is to do something special, which creates students' interest in understanding complex things in easy and convenient ways. My inspiration or satisfaction is the feedback from the recipients: Faculty and students.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TILANDRA RHYNE

I am most inspired and motivated by being able to empower those around me and being a part of something bigger. I seek opportunities to contribute to important work and find satisfaction in making a positive impact on all those that I serve. That motivates and excites me!

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



RACHEL SAIDI

My career path has provided me with great opportunities, from mathematics to the evolving fields of statistics and data science. My goal is to meet students where they are mentally, physically, and emotionally. I am in awe of my students' curiosity and drive, and am grateful to work alongside dedicated and committed colleagues.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



ALYSE CAMPBELL

History is often an underrated but noble discipline. To obtain success at it, you must also master a myriad of skills, most importantly critical reading and writing. My goal is to help students hone these skills and to spark their curiosity about the past.

MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



TAMMY ENGLAND

I'm motivated to do my best to keep a clean and safe environment for students to learn and teachers to teach. My word of wisdom is to challenge yourself to do the best you can.

MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



JANE FRIES

Every employee in higher education is critical to providing an excellent learning environment. The unique skills and talents each person contributes should be honored and celebrated. I am thankful for the opportunity to make a difference at Morgan Community College by using my administrative gifts.

MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



GEORGE O'CLAIR

I am sparked by students engaging in learning and pursuing the career of their choice. I enjoy the opportunity to gain and share knowledge to better their lives. Everyone is important and everything we do is important. What we do affects others, whether we see it or not.

MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**MOUNTAIN GATEWAY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS



DAVID SHOFSTAHL

Learning is a lifelong process of personal development and improvement. Educators facilitate this by nurturing self-concept to empower learners to see value in what needs to be learned and find relevance and application. I find it my duty, not to simply deliver content, but to help them accomplish meaningful self-development.

MOUNTAIN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE