

11/18/2015

Dear Dr. Irene Malmgren:

I am very pleased to inform you that Mt. San Antonio College's program "Pathways to Transfer: Accelerating Students into Transfer-Level Courses" has been selected as one of the 10 Bellwether Finalist Winners in the ***Instructional Programs & Services (IPS) category***. Your college has been competitively selected to compete for the prestigious 2016 Bellwether Award at the upcoming Community College Futures Assembly.

As a Bellwether Finalist Winner, you are asked to present your program at the Assembly on Monday, January 25, 2016. Because the Assembly is targeted to college trustees and administrators, we highly recommend that you and a member of your board of trustees be part of the panel making your presentation. Please acknowledge the receipt of this email asap. Most importantly, please **RSVP by Friday, Nov. 27th, 2015** to Uttam Gaulee at futures@coe.ufl.edu to confirm your participation, including the names and titles of additional presenters to be included in the printed program.

Finalists will be honored at the Bellwether Finalist Awards reception on Monday evening, January 25th from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Photographs of all of the members of your delegation attending will be taken after the reception for you to use for the promotion your award winning program.

The 2016 Bellwether Award Winners will be announced at the Closing Session & Bellwether Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m.

We are pleased to extend the special Bellwether Finalist registration fees for you and your institution. You can choose one of the following:

- **BCC Package Registration:** \$2750.00 (Includes three registrations to the Futures Assembly and Bellwether College Consortium (BCC) Membership. Additional team members can register for \$695 per person through Dec. 20. Additionally, the BCC member colleges also get a discounted registration rate at \$495 (regular rate \$695) for the 2015 National Policy Summit - Reverse Transfer.
- **Individual Registration:** Register at early bird rate of \$950 per person to your entire institution through Dec. 20. Additionally, the Bellwether Finalist colleges also get a discounted registration rate at \$595 (regular rate \$695) for the 2015 National Policy Summit - Reverse Transfer.

More detailed information on the Assembly, Policy Summit, and the registration process is available at the 2016 Community College Futures Assembly website:
<http://education.ufl.edu/futures/>.

We suggest that you plan to arrive no later than Friday afternoon (Jan. 22nd) especially to take part in our 2016 National Policy Summit on Reverse Transfer, Jan. 23- Jan. 24, 2016.

Cosponsored by the National Student Clearinghouse, the Policy Summit is a gathering of higher education officials from the national, state, and institution levels with an interest in facilitating the reverse transfer of credits back to associate degree granting institutions to facilitate greater numbers of students attaining a higher education credential. In addition, we encourage you to schedule your departure no earlier than 3:00pm on Tuesday, Jan 27th so you can enjoy full benefits from the Assembly experience.

Please register your attendees now and make your hotel reservations by December 24th, 2015 in order to obtain the special conference rate at our host hotel, the Hilton at the Walt Disney World Resort. Reservations can be made by calling [1-800-782-4414](tel:1-800-782-4414) and requesting the Community College Futures Assembly rate or by registering at the following website: <http://education.ufl.edu/futures/hotel/>. Since the room block sells out early, I encourage you to make reservations at your earliest convenience.

To sum up the process, here are the suggested steps:

1. RSVP No Later than Friday, Nov. 27th, 2015 to futures@coe.ufl.edu.
2. Forward this message to your colleagues
3. Register attendees for the 2016 Futures Assembly <http://education.ufl.edu/futures/register/>
4. Register attendees for the 2016 National Policy Summit - <http://education.ufl.edu/futures/2015-policy-summit/>
5. Make your hotel reservations No Later than December 24th, 2015 to ensure a room – <http://education.ufl.edu/futures/hotel/>

In the upcoming weeks, we will follow up with more detailed information on your role as a Bellwether Finalist. Please ask those who follow social media to like our Facebook page for quick updates: <https://www.facebook.com/FuturesAssembly/>

For now, congratulations again, and I look forward to meeting you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

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