September 22, 2022

Dr. William T. Scroggins
President
1100 N. Grand Avenue,
Walnut, CA 91789

Dear President Scroggins,

Congratulations! Mt. San Antonio College has been named a 2022 Champion of Higher Education, recognizing your campus' exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)! Mt. San Antonio College is being recognized as a top performer in the following category:

- **Champion of Higher Education - Total Associate Degrees for Transfer Awarded**, reflecting the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded in the 2020–21 academic year.

Since the passage of SB 1440 (Padilla) in 2010, the California Community Colleges have awarded over 360,000 Associate Degrees for Transfer, providing a streamlined pathway between community colleges and the California State University (CSU) system. The Campaign for College Opportunity championed this historic legislation to create a clearer pathway for community college students to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree in a more timely and cost-saving manner. Transforming transfer has been more than 10 years in the making, and last year's passage of AB 928 (Berman) will significantly accelerate the pace of transfer and degree attainment. With your commitment, the Associate Degree for Transfer pathway is making college dreams a reality for thousands of California students.

We will recognize Mt. San Antonio College at our virtual event, the 2022 Champions of Higher Education Celebration, on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 10am-11:30am via Zoom. As an honoree, you are invited to provide remarks on the importance of the ADT to your campus. Please note that all campus honorees will only be given one, one-minute speaking opportunity, even if being recognized across multiple award categories. Linked here is a **Zoom background** that contains your award seal, which we ask you to use during the event. Feel free to personalize this background with your campus' logo.

Event participants include some of California's most ambitious student leaders, higher education advocates, and legislative champions, bringing together an audience of 200-400 attendees representing state higher education leadership, elected officials, corporate sponsors, and civic and business leaders. Please find registration information **here**.

We will publicly announce all community college and CSU honorees in a digital celebration on **October 6th, 2022 at 12:00pm on Twitter and via newsletter**. We invite you to share the good news with your campus but ask that you withhold from announcing all information publicly until this date.

We are looking forward to honoring you and your campus in November for all the good work you are doing to support student transfer. We ask that you please confirm your participation by replying to the email in which this letter was enclosed. Our team will be in touch soon to provide further event details, a digital celebration toolkit, press materials, and award methodology. The award methodology will be available on October 6th on our website.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my colleague Raquel Gonzalez (raquel@collegecampaign.org) with any questions.

Congratulations again on being named a 2022 Champion of Higher Education!

Sincerely,

Michele Siqueiros
President