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2009 BELLWETHER AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ORLANDO, Fla.—The Community College Futures Assembly announced January 27th that Cleveland State Community College (Cleveland, TN), Linn-Benton Community College (Albany, OR) and Rio Hondo Community College (Whittier, CA) were this year’s winners of the prestigious Bellwether Awards. The Bellwether Awards were established to recognize outstanding programs that are at the forefront of innovation throughout the United States and Canada.

Cleveland State Community College won in the Instructional Programs and Services category, which recognizes programs and services that foster or support teaching and learning in the community college. The presentation by Cleveland State titled, *New Math: The Impact of Course Redesign on Learning and Scheduling* described a course redesign project the math department undertook involving developmental and college-level math courses. In addition to having very positive effects on student learning and engagement, the project has changed the department’s approach to enrollment and scheduling. Learn more about Cleveland State’s exemplary academic programs at <http://www.clsc.c.c.tn.us/>.

Rio Hondo Community College won in the Planning, Governance and Finance category, which recognizes programs or activities that improve efficiency and effectiveness in the community college. Rio Hondo’s presentation titled, *Providing Ways and Means for Students to “Go Rio”* detailed the college’s implemented program to improve access. *Go Rio* offers universal access through mass-transit for all students who are registered full-time at Rio Hondo College. Through an agreement with five local transit agencies, fulltime students can obtain a pass that provides full access seven days a week throughout the entire semester. The panelists from Rio Hondo College provided empirical evidence of the success of the program at the Futures Assembly. To learn more about the *Go Rio* program go to <http://www.riohondo.edu/GoRio/index.htm>.

Linn-Benton Community College won in the Workforce Development category, which recognizes strategic alliances that promote community and economic development. Linn-Benton’s presentation titled *Going the Distance: Taking a Diagnostic Imaging Program to Frontier and Rural Oregon* described how the college’s diagnostic imaging program led a partnership consisting of an array of community colleges, employers, workforce, and educational partners to deliver imaging curriculum and education to Oregon’s rural communities where the demand for qualified Radiological Technologists has been unmet. Read about this successful workforce program at www.linnbenton.edu/go/di.

The Community College Futures Assembly issued a call for Bellwether Award nominations in the fall of 2008, and ten finalists were selected in each of three categories: 1) Instructional Programs and Services, cosponsored by the National Council of Instructional Administrators; 2) Planning, Governance and Finance, cosponsored by the Council for Resource Development; and 3) Workforce Development, cosponsored by the National Council for Continuing Education and Training. All 30 finalists presented at the Assembly and one winner was then selected from each category.

The Community College Futures Assembly, now in its 15th year, convenes annually as an independent national policy forum both for key opinion leaders to work as a “think tank” in identifying critical issues facing the future of community colleges, and to recognize Bellwether Finalist colleges as trend-setting institutions. For more information about the Bellwether Awards or Futures Assembly, consult the Community College Futures Assembly Web site at <http://www.coe.ufl.edu/futures>, e-mail futures@coe.ufl.edu or call 352-392-0745 ext. 280. The 2010 Community College Futures Assembly will again be held in Orlando, FL next January.

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**2009 Bellwether Award Winner for Planning Governance and Finance:
Rio Hondo Community College**



From Left to Right: Dr. Dale F. Campbell, Community College Futures Assembly Director, Mr. Russell Castañeda Calleros, Director of Government & Community Relations at Rio Hondo, Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., President, Rio Hondo College, and Ms. Judy Everett, President of the Council for Resource Development.

**2009 Bellwether Award Winner for Workforce Development:
Linn-Benton Community College**



From Left to Right: Dr. Dale F. Campbell, Community College Futures Assembly Director, Stacy Mallory, Program Director, Diagnostic Imaging at Linn-Benton Community College, Ann Malosh, Dean, Health Occupations and Workforce Education, and Mr. Clyde Sakamoto, Chancellor for Maui Community College and Futures Assembly Committee Chair for Workforce Development.

**2009 Bellwether Award Winner for Instructional Programs & Services:
Cleveland State Community College**



From Left to Right: Dr. Dale F. Campbell, Community College Futures Assembly Director, Dr. Carl Hite, President of Cleveland State Community College, Mr. John Squires, Math Department Chair, and Ms. Marilyn Rhinehart, President for the National Council for Instructional Administrators