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## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS RECEIVE AWARDS

### ACCT Association and Regional Awards Recipients Named at 2008 ACCT Annual Leadership Congress in New York City

WASHINGTON—The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) announced the recipients of its Annual Association Awards and Regional Awards for community college leaders at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Community College Leadership Congress. The Congress was held at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Times Square, October 29 – November 1, 2008.

ACCT's Annual Association Awards recognize the tremendous contributions made by trustees, chief executive officers, faculty members, professional board staff, and equity programs. Those recognized at the regional level contended for National Association Awards, for which each regional awardee serves as his or her region's national-level nominee.

For each category, one outstanding award recipient was selected from one of the following five U.S. regions: Central, Northeastern, Pacific, Southern, and Western.

“Community colleges represent a specialized sector of higher education,” said ACCT Board Chair and Orange County Community College (N.Y.) Trustee **Arthur Anthonisen**. “The people who govern and operate these institutions are exemplary leaders, and those recognized by ACCT’s Regional Association are among the hardest-working and most talented in the country.”

“The community college sector tends to garner less recognition among the general public than that of four-year colleges and universities,” said ACCT President and CEO **J. Noah Brown**. “It is ACCT’s privilege to be able to promote the great contributions made by those who dedicate their lives to working in this vitally important, challenging and often-underappreciated field.”

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Brown noted the significance of community colleges to the country: “Most people don’t realize that close to 80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians, as well as nearly 60 percent of nurses and other health care workers receive their certifications at community colleges. With 555,000 life-changing associate’s degrees earned by students each year at community colleges, governing officers, administration, faculty and staff of these institutions have an enormous undertaking, and should be recognized for exceptional accomplishments.”

ACCT congratulates the 2008 ACCT Association Award and Regional ACCT Award recipients for their outstanding work.

### **ACCT Association Award Recipients**

**2008 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award:** Kay Albiani, Trustee, Los Rios Community College District, Calif.

**2008 Charles Kennedy Equity Award:** Dallas County Community College District, Tex.

**2008 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Award:** Karen E. Rafinski, Clark State Community College, Ohio

**2008 William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award:** M. Elaine Tagliareni, Community College of Philadelphia, Penn.

**2008 ACCT Professional Board Staff Member Award:** Evelyn DeFeis, Passaic County Community College, N.J.

### **2008 ACCT Regional Trustee Leadership Award Recipients**

CENTRAL REGION: Jim Beasley, Kaskaskia College, Ill.

NORTHEAST REGION: Joseph Shannon, College of Southern Maryland, Md.

PACIFIC REGION: Kay Albiani, Los Rios Community College District, Calif.

SOUTHERN REGION: Stanley M. Edwards, Halifax Community College, N.C.

WESTERN REGION: James P. Lucas, Miles Community College, Mont.

### **2008 ACCT Regional Equity Award Recipients**

CENTRAL REGION: Madison Area Technical College, Wis.

NORTHEAST REGION: College of Southern Maryland, Md.

PACIFIC REGION: Cabrillo College, Calif.

SOUTHERN REGION: Miami Dade College, Fl.

WESTERN REGION: Dallas County Community College District, Tex.

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### **2008 ACCT Regional Chief Executive Officer Award Recipients**

CENTRAL REGION: Karen E. Rafinski, Clark State Community College, Ohio  
NORTHEAST REGION: Debbie L. Sydow, Onondaga Community College, N.Y.  
PACIFIC REGION: Preston Pulliams, Portland Community College, Ore.  
SOUTHERN REGION: Patricia A. Skinner, Gaston College, N.C.  
WESTERN REGION: Jacqueline Vietti, Butler Community College, Kan.

### **2008 ACCT Regional Faculty Member Award Recipients**

CENTRAL REGION: Lisa Seidman, Madison Area Technical College, Wis.  
NORTHEAST REGION: M. Elaine Tagliareni, Community College of Philadelphia, Penn.  
PACIFIC REGION: Karolyn Hanna, Santa Barbara City College, Calif.  
SOUTHERN REGION: Mary Ann Kohli, Trident Technical College, S.C.  
WESTERN REGION: Gretchen Wheeler, Casper College, Wy.

### **2008 ACCT Regional Professional Board Staff Member Award Recipients**

CENTRAL REGION: Nancy Willamon, Parkland College, Ill.  
NORTHEAST REGION: Evelyn DeFeis, Passaic County Community College, N.J.  
PACIFIC REGION: Lorna O'Guinn, Portland Community College, Ore.  
SOUTHERN REGION: Wanda C. Brown, Randolph Community College, N.C.  
WESTERN REGION: Diana Chavez, Central New Mexico Community College, N.M.

### **About the Association of Community College Trustees**

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States, Canada, and England. For more information, go to [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org).

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