



BROWARD COLLEGE HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE TOP TEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE NATION BY THE ASPEN INSTITUTE.



On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Broward College was named as a Top Ten Finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's preeminent recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges.

Selected from 1,000 public community colleges nationwide, Top Ten Finalists for the Aspen Institute Community College Excellence award are evaluated for outstanding outcomes in four areas: student learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. The Aspen Prize is awarded every two years. The 2019 Aspen Prize will be awarded in March of that year.

Executive Director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, Joshua Wyner commented on the College's nomination for the 2019 Aspen Prize. "A three-time Aspen Prize Finalist Broward College continues to improve student success rates, proving what is possible at a large diverse community college." He further remarked, "Broward's decade-long reform is built on a culture of results, with systems that link everyone's job to the goals of student success. Among the most impressive things the college has done is build clear program pathways that effectively connect students to good careers and four-year transfer."

In addition to being named as a 2019 Top Ten Finalist, Broward College has also been recognized by the Aspen Institute in the past. In 2013, the College was a Top Ten finalist for the Aspen Prize and, again in 2016. The College was recognized as an Aspen Prize Finalist with Distinction in March 2017, which included a \$100,000 award.

"Our designation as a College of Distinction affirms years of hard work by our passionate faculty, advisors, counselors, community partners, and students," said President J. David Armstrong, Jr. "Our faculty will do anything to support our students. Advisors and counselors work tirelessly to guide our students down their academic path, and community partners help us provide real-world experiences that augment education in the classroom. Finally, what our students have accomplished is nothing short of impressive. This award is about their grit, determination and, ultimately, success.

