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LINCOLN (NE) – The National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA), headquartered at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Department of Educational Administration, has selected the winners in its 2013 Exemplary Initiatives Competition.

NCIA is a professional organization affiliated with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The awards recognize outstanding ways to enhance the quality of higher education provided at two-year institutions in the United States.

This year, the 25th for the Exemplary Initiatives Awards competition, NCIA solicited entries highlighting "best practices". A panel of community college practitioners from across the country evaluated the submissions and selected five institutions for recognition as winners of the competition and five institutions for honorable mention recognition. NCIA congratulates the following institutions whose exemplary initiatives reflect innovative and effective approaches to fulfill the instructional mission of community colleges. The institutions are listed in alphabetical order below.

Winner

El Paso Community College
Rio Grande Campus, El Paso, TX
Exemplary Initiative: Emergency Medical Services Initiative (EMSI)

Indian River State College
Fort Pierce, FL
Exemplary Initiative: Quality Matters Online Degree Initiative

Mott Community College
Flint, MI
Exemplary Initiative: Acceleration: Our Students Often Move Faster Than Our Own Minds

Parkland College
Champaign, IL
Exemplary Initiative: Assessing Alternative Methods of Lab Delivery

Southeast Community College
Lincoln, NE
Exemplary Initiative: Transitions Lab

Honorable Mention

Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Rapids, MI
Exemplary Initiative: Student Success: There is Life After Probation

Mohawk Valley Community College
Utica, NY
Exemplary Initiative: New Faculty Excellence: Paving the Way to Tenure

Moraine Valley Community College
Palos Hills, IL
Exemplary Initiative: Diversity Dialogue

Mott Community College
Flint, MI
Exemplary Initiative: Electronics/CADD Cross-disciplinary Capstone Project

Parkland College
Champaign, IL
Exemplary Initiative: Interprofessional Teamwork: Developing a Common Curricular Framework, Competency Model, and Curriculum for Health Professions

These institutions will be recognized at the awards luncheon of the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning on March 26, 2014, in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.