Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

WCCCD was selected as one of 150 community colleges eligible for $1 Million Prize

The Wayne County Community College District was selected as one of 150 colleges among 1,123 U.S. institutions, and is among 4 other community colleges from Michigan selected for the Aspen Prize. “The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence rewards and shines a spotlight on community colleges that deliver exceptional student results, stimulates replication of successful campus practices and leadership, and contributes to the development of high-quality measures and benchmarks for assessing community college student outcomes”.

The District advanced to Round 2, which requires submission of its application to include data and narrative that demonstrate how the college has produced outstanding outcomes for students by using data to continuously improve student success, closing the gap for underrepresented students in areas such as completion and workforce, and promoting equitable services and practices to support affordability and access to educational opportunities for underserved populations. The application will include data to support the following outcomes and criteria:

- **Completion Outcomes:** Share data related to the completion of associate degrees, certificates, industry-recognized credentials with demonstrated value in the labor market or transfer to 4-year colleges and universities to further education
- **Labor-market Outcomes:** Demonstrate how the completion of degrees and certificates improved student placement, employment, and earnings to meet workforce needs.
- **Learning Outcomes:** Share data on how the District gathers and uses data and information to measure student learning and make improvements to curriculum and course delivery.
- **Equitable Outcomes:** Articulate how the District promotes access to students and commits to affordability initiatives that support underrepresented racial/ethnic groups and/or low-income backgrounds.

WCCCD is poised as an admirable candidate for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and is proud to announce the submission of its application. The District looks forward to celebrating fifty years of uninterrupted service and will continue its efforts by advancing completion and student success initiatives.