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Long Beach City College Receives \$75,000 Grant to Participate in the California Community College Linked Learning Initiative (CCCLI)
Career Ladders Project Names Long Beach City College “Partner College”

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City College (LBCC) has been awarded a \$75,000 Career Ladders Project grant to participate in the California Community College Linked Learning Initiative (CCCLI) supported by the James Irvine Foundation. The project is a collaborative with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to collectively ease the transition of high school graduates from health care related Linked Learning Academies into community college health care programs.

“We are delighted to receive this grant that will support the efforts of The Long Beach College Promise, an educational institutional partnership that provides a seamless transition for local students to be college-ready, to complete rigorous college-level courses and to achieve fulfilling careers, including in the health care field,” said LBCC Superintendent-President Eloy Ortiz Oakley. “We look forward to supporting more students in achieving success in higher education, every step of the way from high school, to college, and on to health care pathways.”

The steps LBCC has taken with LBUSD to promote Long Beach students’ success in college and career pathways align with LBCC’s Promise Pathways initiative by focusing on: K-12 and Community College collaboration; alternative assessment and placement methods; transitional programming and interventions; career pathway development; and, data-driven decision making.

The Career Ladders Project supports a number of large-scale innovative and systematic initiatives that engage with leaders in community colleges to encourage and document practices that lead to increased intentional educational and career transitions from high school, improve college retention and academic achievement, and advance college and career success for graduates of Linked Learning High School programs.

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About Long Beach City College

Long Beach City College is one of the largest single college districts in the California Community College System. LBCC is a comprehensive college which provides quality educational programs and related students services to nearly 30,000 students pursuing a wide range of degrees, certificates, transfer and other courses of study. LBCC is recognized throughout California and the nation as a leader in efforts to improve college preparation, access and success through the Long Beach College Promise Partnership, with the Long Beach Unified School District and California State University, Long Beach, and its Promise Pathways initiative. The College has received several important recognitions including: finalist for the 2013 Exemplary CEO/Board Award of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges, winner of the 2012 RP Group's Excellence in College Research Award for development of a predictive placement model, recognition by the White House Initiative for Excellence in Hispanic Education in 2010 and recipient of the California Community College Chancellor's Office Student Success Award in 2009.

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