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Dear President Christian,

Congratulations! Bakersfield College has been named a *2019 Champion of Higher Education* for exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). We are proud to recognize your dedicated leadership in working to ensure a strong transfer pathway on your campus.

In 2010, then-Senator Alex Padilla authored SB 1440, which created the ADT pathways. The Campaign championed this legislation envisioning a clearer pathway for our community college students to transfer, making it possible for them to earn a bachelor's degree. Compared to traditional transfer students who enroll in the CSU, ADT transfers earn their bachelor's degree nearly twice as fast. Since 2010, over 159,000 Associate Degrees for Transfer have been awarded – and you're a part of this milestone. ***With your leadership, the Associate Degree for Transfer Pathway is making college dreams a reality.***

We will recognize Bakersfield College at our **15th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, November 14th from 6pm-8pm** at the City View Penthouse located at 1150 S. Olive Street, 30th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. You join California State Secretary, Alex Padilla, Governor Gavin Newsom, Students Making A Change, and California State University (CSU) Trustee Silas Abrego as honorees for their courageousness in leading student-centered equity work. In addition to recognizing your campus, this milestone event will celebrate the Campaign's accomplishments over the past fifteen years.

This event will bring together over 150 attendees representing California's higher education leadership, elected officials, corporate sponsors, and civic and business leaders. You will be joined by other California community colleges and California State Universities for their commitment to transfer.

We will publicly announce all community college and CSU honorees in early October. Our team will provide you with more details in the coming weeks. To assist with your travel costs associated with the November event, the Campaign can provide you with **total reimbursement up to \$750** to cover transportation for up to four representatives from your campus. We ask that you select one representative to accept the award on behalf of Bakersfield College.

A professional photo opportunity with your campus representatives will take place at the conclusion of the program. If you have any questions or to RSVP for your campus, please contact Jackie Rodriguez at jackie@collegecampaign.org or at (213) 744-9434.

Once again, congratulations on being named a **2019 Champion of Higher Education!**

Sincerely,

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