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### **California Community Colleges Interim Chancellor Erik E. Skinner Honors Two Community College Programs with Student Success Award**

*Riverside, Calif.* – California Community Colleges Interim Chancellor Erik E. Skinner on Friday honored two community college programs with the 2016 Chancellor's Student Success Award. The award is presented to programs that succeed in supporting students as they achieve their higher education goals. This year's honorees are Los Angeles Valley College's Family Resource Center and College of the Desert's EDGE Program.

"It is with great honor and gratitude that we recognize these two programs for their innovative work supporting the success of our students," said Interim Chancellor Skinner. "Every year, when we make these awards, I am amazed by the tremendous hard work and dedication that our colleges demonstrate, going above and beyond for our students. The California Community Colleges system is committed to offering outstanding educational opportunities, with robust student support programs to help our students succeed."

In an effort to help support student parents in meeting their educational goals, Los Angeles Valley College created the Family Resource Center in 1999 to allow its students to balance both family and college life. What started off as weekly playgroups in empty classrooms, has now grown into a fully operative center that allows student parents and their children to participate in various playgroups, family picnics, parenting workshops, dad activity groups, and more. The Family Resource Center is an award-winning integral part of the Los Angeles Valley College campus, as well as an inspiration and model for other colleges to implement student parent programs.

The College of the Desert faculty has worked hard over the past five years to create a successful summer bridge program called EDGE: Engage, Develop, Grow, Empower. EDGE is a three-week program created to increase student success and combat the challenges students face in completing college-level math and English. EDGE got its start as a pilot program in 2012, serving 22 students that first year and doubling in size nearly each year since. This past summer EDGE served 690 students. In addition to math and English readiness courses, EDGE offers its students registration assistance, counseling, transfer workshops, career information and financial aid assistance.

The 2016 Chancellor's Student Success Award is made possible through generous support from the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

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