

the **ASPEN** prize

2019



...recognizing
institutions that
achieve exceptional
student outcomes





REMEMBER when...

2017



about the **ASPEN** prize

- **\$1 MILLION** prize awarded every two years
- Signature recognition of high **ACHIEVEMENT** and **PERFORMANCE** among America's community college
- **MORE** students through to high-wage career opportunities and further education

ASPEN prize aims to:

- Identify and celebrate **EXCELLENCE**
- Coalesce around a clear definition of student **SUCCESS**
- Stimulate replication of **EXCEPTIONAL** practice

the ROAD to the 2019 prize



Round 1

To identify **150 community colleges as eligible** for the Aspen Prize, Aspen uses **nationally available data** on institutional performance, improvement, and equity in retention and completion



Round 2

Aspen invites each eligible institution to **submit an application**. The Aspen Prize selection committee of higher education experts reviews submitted materials and selects 10 finalist.

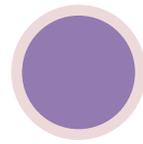


Round 3

A small team of experts in community college practice, research, and/or leadership, Aspen conducts **1.5-day site visits** to each finalist institution.

PREPARING for Round 3

- **EDUCATE! EDUCATE! EDUCATE!**
- Starts today and continues until visit
 - Technology resources
 - Meetings
 - Alloc Emails



Round 3

- October 16-17
- 1 ½ days
- SPUR 203
- Faculty, staff, students, & stakeholders



the **ASPEN** site visit team

- **Marc Herzog**, Chancellor Emeritus, Connecticut Community College System
- **Robert Johnstone**, Founder & President, National Center for Inquiry and Improvement
- **Hana Lahr**, Research Associate, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University
- **Josh Wyner**, Vice President, The Aspen Institute, Executive Director, College Excellence Program

VISIT assignments FACULTY

- Instructional Leadership
- Business & Industry
- General Education
- Developmental Education
- Faculty Senate
- Committee Chairs

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VISIT assignments **STAFF**

- Student Services Leadership
- Success Coaches
- Financial Aid
- Leaders of Key Student Success Initiatives
- Institutional Effectiveness

VISIT assignments STUDENTS

- Student Leadership
- Student-led Tour
- Development Education Students



VISIT assignments **STAKEHOLDERS**

- Board Members
- External Partners

Chevron | Chamber | ECISD | UTPB | Hospitals
Sewell | Education Foundation | Mayor | ODC
City Manager | Advisory Board Members | EDC



...advance higher education practices and leadership that significantly improve student **LEARNING, COMPLETION,** and **EMPLOYMENT** after college—especially for the growing population of students of color and low-income students...

EQUITABLE outcomes

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LABOR MARKET outcomes

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LEARNING outcomes

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COMPLETION outcomes

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the **ASPEN** prize

lessons learned



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questions, discussion,
idea sharing

