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Columbia Basin College to Advance to Next Phase of Selection Process for Postsecondary Success Recognition Program

Pasco, WA, October 16, 2024 - Columbia Basin College (CBC) today announced they have been recognized as one of 200 higher education institutions eligible to apply for The U.S. Department of Education’s Postsecondary Success Recognition Program. The list includes 100 predominantly bachelor’s degree granting institutions and 100 predominantly associate’s or certificate granting institutions.

CBC is one of nine community and technical colleges in Washington state that are eligible to apply. This opportunity allows the colleges to move to the next phase of the selection process within the program as part of the Raise the Bar initiative. One facet of the initiative seeks to recognize institutions that are promoting success for underserved populations.

“We are honored for this opportunity, along with our peers, to showcase the work our college does to support our students in achieving academic success. We believe that education is a pathway to transforming students’ lives”, says CBC President Dr. Rebekah S. Woods. As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, CBC’s overall student demographic is 49% Hispanic. The college is focused on adopting innovative strategies and approaches to engaging historically underrepresented students in STEM learning, continuing education and integration into the STEM workforce.

For questions, please email Elizabeth Burtner, AVP for Marketing & Outreach at eburtner@columbiabasin.edu. To view the WSBCCTC press release <https://www.sbctc.edu/blogs/news-releases/2024/departement-of-ed-recognition-inclusivity>.

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Columbia Basin College (CBC) is a public community college serving the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities since 1955. CBC’s mission is to inspire, educate, and support all students in an environment of academic excellence leading to the completion of degrees, certifications, and educational transfers, while fostering meaningful employment, engaged citizenship, and a life-long joy of learning. CBC offers both two and four-year degrees and one-year Certificates. Bachelor of Applied Science degrees are offered in Applied Management, Applied Management in Agriculture or Healthcare Administration, Cyber Security, Dental Hygiene, Information Technology, Health Physics, Teacher Education and Project Management. CBC also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.