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Imperial Valley College Wins 2023 Aspen Prize

The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence has been awarded to Imperial Valley College (IVC)! Along with Moorpark College, IVC was [selected as one of the 10 finalists last summer](#) and today was announced as the recipient of the \$1 million prize! The Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding achievement in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds. IVC is proud of its K-12 and 4-year college partnerships, strong completion and transfer rates, and outstanding employment outcomes and is honored to be recognized by the Aspen Institute.

During the [broadcasted award ceremony](#), college president, Dr. Lennor M. Johnson, thanked IVC's board of trustees, faculty, staff, campus governance bodies, students, and the wider Imperial, California community for everyone's contributions to the college's success. Dr. Johnson said, "the prize is not just a recognition of past achievements, but a call to action for the college to continue to strive for excellence, to be innovative, and to make a positive impact on our community."

For the Aspen Institute's official announcement and more information about the prize, please visit their website at: <https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize/>.



Allan Hancock College Wins 2023 ACE Award

This month, Allan Hancock College (ACH) was awarded the prestigious *2023 American Council on Education (ACE)/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation*. The \$10,000 prize recognizes institutions that have responded to higher education challenges in innovative and creative ways. ACH was selected among many applicants for the college's innovative Credit Where Credit's Due program that uses data to identify students near degree completion, supports degree awarding, and improves student equity. ACH was excited to announce the recent accomplishment:

<https://www.hancockcollege.edu/news/newsreleases/2023awardace.php>.

For the American Council on Education's official announcement and more information about the award, please visit their website at: <https://www.acenet.edu/News-Room/Pages/2023-Institutional-Transformation-Award.aspx>.

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