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Diversity advocate Minority Access, Inc., names BCC one of "Nation's Leading Colleges and Universities Committed to Diversity"

BELLEVUE, WASH. - Minority Access, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization that promotes diversity in education, government and business, has named Bellevue Community College one of the "Nation's Leading Colleges and Universities Committed to Diversity."

With a mission to "honor and publicize inspirational role models," Minority Access expressed its desire that the designation bestowed on BCC and 18 others colleges and universities "encourage others to emulate, and thereby increase the pool of talent from diverse constituencies."

BCC was one of only five community colleges among the honorees. The others were Maricopa Community College (Ariz.), Brevard Community College (Fla.), Bristol Community College (Mass.) and the Houston Community College System.

The awards were presented at Minority Access' "National Role Models Conference" Sept. 18 in Las Vegas.

Serving 35,000 students per year, Bellevue Community College (BCC) is the third largest institution of higher learning in Washington state. BCC offers associate degree programs covering the first two years of a college education as well as degrees, certificates and

continuing education programs in more than 90 professional and technical fields, such as information technology, telecommunications, business, education, health and public safety.

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