Dr. Andrew Jones Receives National Recognition

Coast Chancellor Selected for 2012 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award in Leadership

Costa Mesa, Ca. – Last week, Dr. Andrew C. Jones, Chancellor of the Coast Community College District (CCCD), received the 2012 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award at the League for Innovation in the Community College (League) Conference in Dallas, Texas. The national award celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. The League presented Dr. Jones with the medallion in recognition of his innovative leadership with the establishment of the Coast Launchpad Initiative.

Sponsored by the CCCD Foundation, the district hosted the first Coast Launchpad Initiative last year. The contest provided an opportunity for teams from all three of the District’s colleges to work together to develop creative and innovative methods that will be implementable and increase student success.

“We were looking for ideas that would be replicable, scalable and sustainable,” said Jones. “We were very impressed with the ideas presented and the level of collaboration from all of our Coast teammates was astounding.”

The Coast Launchpad Initiative was created by Jones and provides an environment where creative solutions, futuristic thinking, and collaboration is encouraged and rewarded. “I am honored to have received such a prestigious award; however, the recognition belongs to the Coast family and the teams that worked together to develop ideas. I know that by leveraging our resources and thinking differently about challenges we can find new ways to better serve our students,” said Jones.
“The Coast Launchpad Initiative was an exciting contest from many different perspectives,” said Board President Dr. Lorraine Prinsky. “Our three colleges worked together and it truly ignited a spark of new excitement throughout our District. The Coast team is busy implementing last year’s winning idea – a mobile application that will help students track their individual educational plans. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to congratulate Dr. Jones and all of the participants of the Coast Launchpad Initiative.”

Since 1968, the League for Innovation in the Community College has been making a difference in community college education and in the lives of millions of educators and students. The League has over thirty-seven years of accomplishments and contributions to the community college and has been named in Change magazine the "most dynamic organization in the community college world."

The League is the only major international organization specifically committed to improving community colleges through innovation, experimentation, and institutional transformation.

The 2nd Annual Coast Launchpad Initiative contest is currently underway. For more information, contact Martha Parham at mparham@cccd.edu.

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_The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa._