

## **SSCC deemed eligible for Community College Excellence prize**

Southern State Community College was one of 150 colleges nationwide determined eligible to apply for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The \$1 million Aspen Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. It recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

"Student success has been at the heart of our efforts for the past several years," said Dr. Kevin Boys, SSCC President. "It is gratifying to see an outside organization recognizing these efforts and the results they are producing. The invitation to apply for this award provides us with even more motivation to help our students reach their goals."

In the first round of the selection process, The Aspen Institute (TAI) selected 150 public two-year institutions—out of more than 1,000 potential candidates—around the country that demonstrated the highest levels of performance. Southern State was the only institution in Ohio selected to compete.

"Improving community college completion rates is a vital national priority," said Josh Wyner, TAI Executive Director. "By focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the Aspen Institute and its partners aim to further the national understanding of community colleges that strive to increase student success, stimulate innovation, and create benchmarks for measuring progress."

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