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Reynolds Earns First Place in Digital Colleges Survey Awards



Richmond, Va. (April 25, 2018) – On April 29 the Center for Digital Education awarded Reynolds Community College first place in the Digital Community Colleges Survey Awards, in the “Large Colleges” category which includes community colleges with an enrollment of 10,000 students or more. The Center awarded Reynolds the national first place ranking for its initiatives in digital education.

The awards reception was held in Dallas, Texas. Reynolds Vice President of Technology Dr. Mark Webster said he “enjoyed the great privilege of accepting the trophy on behalf of the college.” Dr. Webster is pictured here receiving the award from

Director of the Center for Digital Education Dr. Kecia Ray.

Dr. Webster pointed out, “In their public news release announcing the winners of this national survey, the Center for Digital Education commended Reynolds for our decision to purchase laptops for faculty upon the recommendation of the Educational Technology Advisory Committee. They also applauded our program that offers students free library checkout of laptops and mobile devices, and noted how the program benefits students and helps reduce the digital divide.”

“This was the third consecutive year Reynolds was recognized in the national top ten, and being ranked first this year is quite an honor for the college,” Dr. Webster said. “The annual survey is a good benchmark for continuous improvement, and its questions have been useful in providing guidance to Reynolds to orient technology services toward serving students while implementing best practices.”

Reynolds was also recognized for the college’s Windows 10 migration on academic computers across the college, and how the college leverages technology along with coaching to help students with developmental math through Math Central. In Reynolds submission for this survey virtually every unit at the college was mentioned in some way to describe the college’s uses of digital technology.

The Center for Digital Education’s Digital Community Colleges Survey recognizes community colleges annually for their use of technology to engage students, to collaborate with K-12 and other educational institutions, and to improve learning. Now in its thirteenth year, the Digital Community Colleges Survey analyzes how community colleges use a range of technologies to improve services to students, faculty, staff and the community at large. All accredited U.S. community colleges are eligible to participate in the Digital Community Colleges Survey within three classifications based on enrollment size.

The Center for Digital Education (CDE) is a national research and advisory institute specializing in K-12 and higher education technology trends, policy and funding. CDE provides education and industry leaders with decision support and actionable insights to help effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

Serving over 19,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.