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Dear President Sanchez,

Congratulations! For the third year in a row, Moorpark College has been named a 2018 Champion for Higher Education for your exemplary work in awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer. We are proud to recognize your campus and thank you for leading Moorpark in improving the transfer pathway for students.

As you know, the majority of California students who go to college, attend a California Community College and most of them intend to transfer to a four-year university. Unfortunately, only 4% of students successfully do every year. This is why in 2010 with then Senator Alex Padilla, the Campaign for College Opportunity sponsored historic transfer reform legislation that created a clearer path for students to earn an associate degree and guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) with junior standing. To date, over 100,000 students have earned an Associate Degree for Transfer and of those who enrolled in the CSU, they earned their Bachelor's degree nearly twice as fast as other transfer students.

Moorpark College is a leading example of strong implementation of the associate degree for transfer pathway for students and a model for other colleges in California to emulate.

Along with California Community College Chancellor Eloy Oakley, we will recognize Moorpark College at our **3rd Annual Champions of Higher Education celebration on Tuesday, December 4th from 6pm to 8pm** at the City View Penthouse located at 1150 S. Olive Street, 30th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. This celebration will bring together over 150 influential state and business leaders, including fellow community college and CSU campus honorees. We will also be recognizing the leadership of the Honorable Senator Holly Mitchell, community college transfer champion Dr. Alfred Hererra from UCLA, former CSU Student Trustee Jorge Salines Reyes, and former LACCD Student Turstee Alexa Victoriano.

We will publicly announce all community college and CSU honorees in early October. We will provide you with more details as we approach this announcement and upcoming reception. The Campaign can provide you with reimbursement to cover ground transportation to and from our December event for up to four representatives from your college. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for your campus, please contact Linda Vasquez at Linda@collegecampaign.org.

Again, congratulations! And on behalf of all the students working hard to transfer to a four year university- thank you!

Sincerely,

Michele Siqueiros President