



Cedar Valley College Receives \$2 Million Title III Grant from U.S. Department of Education

LANCASTER, Texas — Cedar Valley College, one of the seven campuses in the Dallas County Community College District, announces that the college has been awarded a \$2 million Title III grant from the Office of Postsecondary Education under the Department's Strengthening Institutions Program. CVC will receive \$400,056 per year for five years starting October 1, 2008. U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson formally notified the campus of its selection.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of the Title III Strengthening Institutions Program is to help eligible colleges become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions.

"Being awarded the Title III grant enables Cedar Valley College to continue retention efforts and ensuring student success, with a focus on enhancing instruction and academic services," said Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, President of Cedar Valley College. "The grant money will allow us to increase the academic success and persistence of our students through advisement and instructional improvements, plus program development and expansion."

To be eligible for a Title III grant, an institution must be accredited or pre-accredited by a nationally-recognized accrediting agency or association; be legally authorized by the state in which it is located to be a junior college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; have an enrollment of needy students where at least 50 percent of its degree students receive financial assistance under one or more programs; and provide assurance that not less than 50 percent of its Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

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