## Final Copy for BEE Awards Nomination Promotional Announcement

Subject: Nominations Open for 2025 Black Educator Excellence (BEE) Awards

We are excited to announce that nominations are now open for the 2025 Black Educator Excellence (BEE) Awards, powered in collaboration with the African American California Community College Trustees and Administrators (AACCCTA) Caucus, also known as "the Black Caucus." These awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of Black educators and professionals within the California Community College system.

The BEE Awards were conceptualized in 2022 by the Black Student Success Week Planning Committee to honor those who continuously uplift the Black community through leadership, innovation, and a deep commitment to equity. We are excited to finally bring this idea to fruition in partnership with the Black Caucus as an expansion of their annual Leadership Awards Reception, further solidifying our collective commitment to recognizing excellence and amplifying Black voices in higher education.

We invite you to nominate exceptional individuals and programs in the following categories:

- Most Outstanding Program or Initiative Supporting Black Excellence
- Classified Professional of the Year
- Full-Time Faculty of the Year (Instructional and Counseling)
- Adjunct Faculty of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Hidden Hero Award

To submit a nomination, please complete the form <u>here</u> by **Monday, September 30, 2024**. Detailed descriptions for each category and nomination criteria are provided on the form. We encourage you to highlight the nominee's significant achievements, their impact on the Black community, and how they exemplify the values of equity and inclusivity.

The AACCCTA's Leadership Awards Reception will be held during the Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference in January 2025 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel (1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA). We are thrilled that these awards will be presented at an expanded ceremony hosted by the AACCCTA.

Thank you for helping us recognize and celebrate those who continue to lead with excellence. Please visit The BEE Awards website for updates and information regarding the event.

Sincerely, The BEE Awards Planning Committee