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## **Franklin University Announces the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Community College Alliance Leadership Award**

**Columbus, Ohio** — Franklin University, the Columbus-based educator known for providing educational opportunities and choices for working adults, announced that Dr. Ken Ender, President, Cumberland County College (CCC), in New Jersey, has been chosen as the recipient of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Community College Alliance Leadership award.

Franklin University President, Paul Otte, presented Dr. Ender with this prestigious Leadership award at the CCA Presidents Breakfast, Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, during the annual American Association of Community Colleges convention in Tampa, Florida.

The CCA Leadership Award is awarded annually to a president in CCA who has exhibited extraordinary vision for their college and community, leadership in higher education, and dedication to the continuance and development of CCA.

Dr. Ender's long time advocacy of distance learning initiatives and vision of the value added benefits this form of education provides for CCC students, alumni and local community, made him the perfect choice as this year's award recipient. Dr. Ender's commitment to CCC School Counts program, and his leadership in the expansion of CCC's campus to include a Student Services Center and a Family Center for Public Service and Leadership, demonstrate his leadership within higher education.

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Past Community College Alliance Leadership Award recipients include: Willis Lott, President of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Jean Goodnow, President, Delta College (MI); David Pierce, President-Emeritus, AACC; Val Moeller, President of Columbus State Community College; Morris Beverage, President of Lakeland Community College (OH); Larry Dukes, President-Emeritus of Southern State Community College (OH); and Al Lorenzo, President of Macomb Community College (MI).

*About Franklin University*

*Founded in 1902, Franklin University is central Ohio's leading and most experienced educator of adult students. Annually, more than 10,000 students attend Franklin, both on campus and online. Franklin offers 18 undergraduate majors and three graduate programs, including the Vantage MBA<sup>®</sup>, and graduates more than 1,500 students annually. Further information regarding Franklin University can be found at [www.franklin.edu](http://www.franklin.edu).*

*About Franklin University's Community College Alliance*

*Franklin University serves more than 10,000 students annually through its on-campus programs in Columbus, Ohio and the Community College Alliance through its' Virtu@l Campus. Currently, 242 community colleges in 32 states and the Bahamas have teamed with the university to serve community college students pursuing bachelor's degrees. Fifteen undergraduate degree programs and the Vantage MBA are offered online. For further information about the Community College Alliance, please visit [alliance.franklin.edu](http://alliance.franklin.edu).*

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