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Community College Business Officers Names 2021 Award Recipients

Nashville — Community College Business Officers (CCBO) announced five award recipients during its Awards Reception, the culminating event of its Annual Conference held October 24 – 26, 2021, in Nashville, Tenn.

Given since 2013, the CCBO Awards recognize the leadership and financial impact made by individuals and departments within community college business offices throughout North America.

“CCBO Awards recognize the important contributions business officers are making at their institutions and in their communities,” said CCBO President Chris Wodka. “Both the recipients and institutions can be proud of the achievements these individuals have attained.”

Jeff Horton, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia, Miss., won the Bob Hassmiller Award for Humanitarian Service, which is given to an individual who best exemplifies the service mindset.

The Outstanding Chief Business Officer Award was given to Michael McCarthy, CFO, Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Mass. This category recognizes chief financial officers for accomplishments, strategic planning and policy implementation that supports their colleges’ missions.

Christy Dale, Comptroller, Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland, Tenn., was named Outstanding Business Officer, which that recognizes achievement among employees in the community college business office.

Northland Pioneer College in Holbrook, Ariz., won the 2021 Exemplary Practice Award for its collaborative Payroll and Finance, led by Lauren Maestas, Director of Budget and Payroll. The award category recognizes outstanding, innovative or collaborative practices in business or operations areas.

CCBO equips community college professionals with the essential knowledge, skills and collaborative opportunities to better serve their colleges. The only organization dedicated to continuing education for individuals in the community college business office, CCBO trains the next generation of Chief Business Officers and provides current leaders with updated information on national issues facing community colleges through Leadership Academy, its flagship program. CCBO also offers continuing education through webinars, regional meetings and an annual conference. To learn more about CCBO, please visit ccbo.org.

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