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In recognition of his distinguished record of dedication to the Hispanic community in Cicero and the greater Chicago area, **Morton College** Board of Trustee member **Frank Aguilar** received a **Hispanic Heritage Community Award**. Aguilar has been a trustee since 2006. He currently serves as the board's vice chairman. Aguilar is the community affairs director for the town of Cicero. Aguilar, a former state representative, also heads up the Larry Dominick Literacy Program designed to improve the reading skills of Cicero School District 99 grammar school students. Aguilar earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago and his master's in public administration from Roosevelt University.

Portland Community College President **Preston Pulliams** was awarded the regional CEO of the Year award for 2008 by the Association of Community College Trustees. Pulliams is in his fifth year at the college and is a member of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. He came to PCC after serving as vice-chancellor for community colleges for the State University of New York, where he coordinated and directed the activities of the 30 community colleges in the New York system. Before joining the administration, Pulliams served as president of Orange County Community College in Middletown, N.Y., from 1997 to 2003. From 1993 to 1997 he was president of the Highland Lakes Campus of the Oakland Community College District in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Pulliams is a community college graduate, earning his associate's degree from Muskegon Community College. He also received a bachelor's degree in social science from Michigan State University, a master's degree in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University and doctorate in educational administration from the University of Michigan.

The **Hendrick Automotive Group** has been recognized with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's distinguished "Innovation in Education" Award for helping **Central Piedmont Community College** in North Carolina become a leader in technical instruction through the creation of the Joe Hendrick Center for Automotive Technology at the College's Levine Campus in south Charlotte. Central Piedmont nominated Hendrick for the award, which recognizes local businesses for their use of creative or innovation solutions to improve the performance of local educational institutions, or stimulate creative or innovative thinking in students. Launched in May 2007, the Joe Hendrick Center for Automotive Technology at Central Piedmont helps the college meet the national demand for skilled automotive technicians as the industry faces a severe labor shortage. Thousands of Central Piedmont students each year receive instruction in the 35,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility which boasts six classrooms and six labs equipped with the latest in electrical and diagnostic equipment.

M. Vali Siadat, distinguished professor of mathematics at **Richard J. Daley College** in Chicago, is the recipient of the Mathematical Association of America's highest honor: The Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics. This is the first time that the

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prestigious award has gone to a professor at a two-year college. Past award recipients have come from such elite institutions as Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago and the University of California. The Haimo Award, bestowed annually on a mathematician for excellence in teaching, was given to Siadat for his lifetime dedication to his students and their academic success. Known for using innovative approaches to help students achieve their educational goals, Siadat travels nationally to speak about improving undergraduate mathematics education in the country.



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