

Muskegon Community College (MCC) announced today that it has been recertified as a Leader College by Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national nonprofit dedicated to improving student success at community colleges.

MCC President Dr. John Selmon explained that the faculty and staff of Muskegon Community College have been heavily engaged in helping students overcome barriers and reach their goals. “We have partnered with the community to help students with food insecurity, transportation, and other needs. Most recently, 38 of our faculty members earned Certificates in Effective College Instruction from the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) to improve student engagement, increase persistence, and close equity gaps. It’s an honor to learn that these efforts and others have earned the college this distinction.”

Leader Colleges play an important role in accelerating the adoption of effective practices within the ATD Network and across higher education. Leader Colleges are recognized for the quality of their work in whole-college reform, resulting in increased completion rates for all students. Leader Colleges develop innovative ways to work with other colleges to share knowledge and facilitate an exchange of ideas about evidence-based reform strategies.

MCC is part of the ATD Network, made up of 300+ colleges committed to advancing equity and supporting student success at their institutions and throughout their communities. MCC was first awarded the Leader College honor in 2015.

Muskegon Community College offers 54 associate degree programs and 32 certificate programs in Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa counties. Located on a 100-acre scenic campus, MCC is consistently recognized as one of the top community colleges in the state of Michigan.

About Achieving the DREAM

Achieving the Dream (ATD) is a partner and champion of more than 300 community colleges across the country. Drawing on our expert coaches, groundbreaking programs, and national peer network, we provide institutions with integrated, tailored support for every aspect of their work — from foundational capacities such as leadership, data, and equity to intentional strategies for supporting students holistically, building K–12 partnerships, and more. We call this Whole College Transformation. Our vision is for every college to be a catalyst for equitable, antiracist, and economically vibrant communities. We know that with the right partner and the right approach, colleges can drive access, completion rates, and employment outcomes — so that all students can access life-changing learning that propels them into community-changing careers.