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HCC Educator Receives Community Engagement Educator Award Today at Ceremony Including First Lady Michelle Obama

Miami —The Florida Campus Compact Community Engagement Educator Award recognizes and honors one outstanding individual in each of the three higher education sectors (state universities, community colleges, independent colleges and universities) for significant contributions to the institutionalization of community engagement, by inspiring a vision for service on the campus and supporting faculty, students, and/or campus-community partnerships.

Barbara Ritter, Hillsborough Community College's administrative coordinator for service learning, has been selected by Florida Campus Compact as the winner of the Community Engagement Educator Award, in the community college division, for 2008-2009. Ms. Ritter will be honored today at the 2009 Awards Gala & Luncheon in Miami, where First Lady Michelle Obama will be in attendance.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of college and university presidents (representing some six billion students) who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. HCC's President Gwendolyn Stephenson is among the 1,100+ members who advocate civic education, community building, and campus engagement.