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### **Community College Business Officers Names Awards Recipients**

Fort Worth — Community College Business Officers (CCBO) announced five award recipients during its Awards Reception, the culminating event of its Annual Conference held October 26 – 29, 2019, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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 Rob Galick. “Both the recipients and institutions can be proud of the achievements these individuals have attained.”

Deandre Butler, Director of TRiO Programs at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill., 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 Andrew Alford, Vice President for Financial Affairs at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, Miss. This category recognizes chief financial officers for accomplishments, strategic planning and policy implementation that supports their colleges’ missions.

Kristie Ellis, Controller at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., was named Outstanding Business Officer, which that recognizes achievement among employees in the community college business office.

The organization awarded its Emerging Business Professional Award to Angela Graham, Budget Director at Midlands Technical College in West Columbia, S.C. This award identifies a future leader in higher education through CCBO’s Leadership Academy.

Madison College in Madison, Wis., won the 2019 Exemplary Practice Award for its Innovation Fund. The award category recognizes outstanding, innovative or collaborative practices in business or operations areas.

Heston Welker, Vice President of Operations at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher, Ariz., received the peer-selected Jim Turner Award Outstanding Leadership Academy Presentation Award.

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](http://ccbo.org).

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