



## 2012 Diana Hacker TYCA Outstanding Programs in English Awards for Two-Year Colleges and Teachers

### AWARDS

**Reaching Across Borders**—The Program of Global Distinction (Howard Community College, Columbia, MD & Community College of Baltimore County, MD). Global Distinction is an academic enrichment program developed by two Maryland community colleges. The program strives to improve the global competency of students across disciplines who register for globally intense general education courses (including composition), cultural immersion and campus cultural events. Their mission is to help students become better prepared for the interconnected and interdependent world of the 21st century. Program Coordinator: Stacy Korbela.

**Reaching Across Borders**--Interdisciplinary Service-Learning: Making Connections in Art and Writing for Community Concerns (Kenai Peninsula College, Soldotna, AK). The Interdisciplinary Service-learning Program at Kenai Peninsula College incorporates various disciplines to engage topics of community concern through visual and written expression. Art and writing is showcased in exhibits at the local Kenai Visitor and Cultural Center. The exhibits stimulate dialogue and address the nature of “interpretation” as it influences both research writing and creative expression. The interchange is culturally and academically diverse. Program Coordinator: Cheryl Siemers

**Fostering Student Success**--Increasing Achievement and Program Completion Through Curricula Reform (Passaic County Community College, Paterson, NJ). PCCC began its Title V grant project in October of 2007, which is now in its fifth year. The project involves developing Writing Intensive (WI) courses with multiple sections linked to a comprehensive college writing center and supported by an intensive instructional development component that will train faculty in integrating critical thinking and writing. Program Coordinator: Ken Ronkowitz.

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Reaching Across Borders**--Community College—High School Portfolio Connection (Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta, IA). NICC is focused on unifying content, outcomes, and rigor among its local participating high schools who offer post-secondary composition courses to high school students on their campuses. This portfolio project assesses the composition courses taught on high school campuses in order to determine if they meet the outcomes and requirements of NICC’s course guides for college composition courses. Program Coordinator: Katie Beadle.