

## **Community Colleges Can: Institutions Sharing Success**

### **Background**

A well-educated, highly skilled workforce is necessary for the United States to maintain its competitive edge in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Community colleges play critical roles in providing cost-effective, flexible, and responsive programs of education and training to help the members of the American workforce reach their full potential.

In order to assist community colleges in this critical role, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) is conducting case studies of innovative programs at community colleges that are designed to improve student success. *Showcasing and Replicating Successful Community College Programs* will highlight and disseminate information beneficial to all community colleges.

### **Overview**

This two-year project, which is funded by a \$2,298,600.00 award to JBL Associates Inc., has three phases consisting of: identifying community college programs and practices that successfully retain students and improve transitions to and from community colleges; disseminating detailed information about community college programs and practices that work for students; and partnering community colleges with institutions that have successful programs and practices in order to replicate their success. The case studies will focus on factors related to student transitions, such as articulation agreements, dual enrollment, support services, and developmental education.

### **Timeline**

Fall 2007 through Fall 2009

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