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AACC President given National Award from NASPA

Walter Bumphus given Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Walter Bumphus, president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), is the recipient of the 2015 NASPA Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award. The award recognizes someone whose service in programs, policies or research have made a national impact and contributed to the broad research of higher education.

Capping more than three decades of service that has included senior administrator, college president, system chancellor and contributions in the private educational sector, Bumphus is now President and CEO of AACC. He was elected to the Board of Directors of AACC in 1993 and became board chair in 1996.

In 2000, he was named chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, which became one of the fastest growing colleges in the nation under his leadership. Subsequently, he served as president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), leading an expansion of the system that included the creation of two technical community colleges.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Bumphus led an arduous recovery effort to re-establish critical internal and external communications and operational process to assist impact students and employees.

Bumphus also served community colleges as a professor in the Community College Leadership Program and as chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas at Austin. He has consulted at more than 85 community colleges and universities.

He has received national accolades for his work including the Marie Y. Martin CEO of the Year award from the Association of Community College Trustees, the National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development International Leadership Award (NISOD). Bumphus holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Murray State University and a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

Bumphus and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.

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