



Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to share exciting news and a true point of pride for our college community. Triton College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the Top 200 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This honor places Triton among a distinguished group of institutions nationwide, including 21 in Illinois—the most of any state—reflecting the strength and impact of community colleges across our region.



The Aspen Prize is considered the nation's premier recognition of community college achievement. Colleges are selected based on strong and improving student outcomes, such as retention, completion, transfer and bachelor's degree attainment. This recognition underscores what we know to be true: community colleges play a critical role in strengthening local economies and expanding access to quality education.

At Triton, our mission centers on valuing the individual, educating and serving our community. Every day, faculty and staff foster an environment where students can excel—whether they are preparing for a career, advancing academically or seeking personal growth. When access, support and academic excellence come together, student success follows. That impact reaches beyond the classroom, strengthening families, employers and our region as a whole.

Over the coming months, the Aspen Institute will engage eligible colleges in a rigorous review process, assessing both student outcomes and the institutional practices that drive them. We welcome the opportunity to showcase the work happening across our campus and the dedication of everyone who makes Triton a place where students thrive.

Since our founding in 1964, Triton College has stood as a gateway to opportunity. This recognition reminds us that our work and shared mission matters—and that together, we continue to change lives.

With appreciation,

President Moore