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County College of Morris VP Honored with Community College Spirit Award

TRENTON, N.J.— Yesterday, during its annual Trustee Conference, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2011 Community College Spirit Award to Dr. Dwight Smith, vice president of academic affairs at the County College of Morris, for his exemplary service to New Jersey’s community colleges.

“Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit – perseverance, dedication and excellence,” said NJCCC Chairman Ronald Winthers.

Smith was recognized for his leadership in coordinating New Jersey’s community colleges statewide general education initiatives. As a member of the New Jersey Community Colleges Academic Affairs Affinity Group, Smith serves as chairman of the General Education Committee.

“New Jersey’s community colleges implemented a common general education framework in conjunction with the Lampitt transfer law so that students can seamlessly transfer their credits from community colleges to New Jersey’s four-year colleges and universities,” Winthers said. “The work that Dr. Smith has done has had a direct impact on the lives of our 400,000 community college

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students throughout the state, and he is most deserving of this recognition.”

Prior to joining County College of Morris, Smith served in academic leadership roles at Miami Dade College, St. Louis Community College and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He holds a doctorate in educational psychology from Rutgers University and during his doctoral studies he served as associate dean of students at Rutgers College.

In 2010, Smith was co-author of a chapter in the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ publication, *General Education and Liberal Learning: Principles of Effective Practice*. He also provides service to the Middle States and Higher Learning Commission regional accreditation agencies.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey’s 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.