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Wright College Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center "Carreras en Salud" Program 2010 Bellwether Finalist

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the *Carreras en Salud* (Careers in Health) Practical Nursing partnership program was a Bellwether Award Finalist at the 2010 Community College Futures Assembly in the Workforce Development Category. The Futures Assembly identifies ten programs in each of the three categories as finalists and invites each of the programs to present to a national audience at their annual conference. The Assembly was held on January 23 to January 26, 2010.

that Wright College representatives were joined in presenting our program by our partners - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), represented Simon Lopez, Director of Workforce Development and Instituto del Progreso Latino, represented by Dr. Ricardo Estrada. Wright College's Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center was represented by President Charles Guengerich, Deans Madeline Roman-Vargas, and Julie White and one of the program completers, Ms. Juana Rodriguez.

that although the program was not selected as the award winner, the partnership project initiated in 2005, has now successfully trained 207 bilingual practical nurses and 151 Nursing Assistants with licensure pass rates of 96 and 95 percent respectively and 100% of the licensed completers being employed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis Interim Chancellor

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