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## **Hillsborough CC Educator Selected to Attend Prestigious Institute**

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Tampa -- Mary Bendickson, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Hillsborough Community College (HCC) has been selected as one of only twenty-four community college leaders to attend the prestigious Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College in cooperation with The University of Texas at Austin and the American Association of Community Colleges. A national panel selected the twenty-four participants from a pool of approximately 100 applicants holding senior-level positions of leadership in community colleges.

Eduardo J. Padrón, Board President of the League for Innovation said, "The review panel was extremely impressed with the quality of the applicants, which speaks well for the future vitality of the community college."

The purpose of the institute, to be held in Tempe, Arizona, December 4-9, 2005, is to provide an opportunity for potential community college presidents or those in transition to review their abilities and interests, to refine their skills, and to participate in discussions on leadership with outstanding community college leaders in North America.

The faculty of the institute are drawn from among outstanding community college leaders across North America. Faculty members include community college chief executive officers, experts in leadership development, trustees of community colleges, presidential search consultants, and other prominent figures -- including members of the League for Innovation Board of Directors.

The League is an international association dedicated to catalyzing the community college movement. The League hosts conferences and institutes, develops web resources, conducts research, produces publications, provides services, and leads projects and initiatives with member colleges, corporate partners, and other agencies in continuing effort to make a positive difference for students and communities. According to Ted Marchese, Senior Scholar, American Association for Higher Education; 16-year Executive Editor of *Change* magazine "The League is the single most vital organization in higher

education today."

Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. HCC serves more than 45,000 students on campuses in Brandon, Plant City, Ybor City and on Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa. HCC also serves students at learning centers on MacDill Air Force Base and in Ruskin.

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