

**DCCCD Incentive Funding
Retention Awards
Executive Summary**

REPLICATION AWARDS:

Writer's Corner (Brookhaven College Communication Division)

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Award Amount; \$75,920 Award period: 4 Semesters

Studies from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) indicate that the level of support provided by a college is a major determinant in student persistence towards academic goals. In the 2007 CCSSE Cohort, 58% of students identify earning an associate degree as a primary goal and 51% say transferring to a four-year institution is a primary goal. CCSSE studies further reveal that many students, particularly First-Time-in-College (FTIC) may have limited knowledge of what it will take to attain these goals. Colleges can face these challenges by providing supplemental support through tutoring, study labs, and other services that help students successfully reach their academic goals (CCSSE 2007). Brookhaven College has established a mentorship with Richland College in order to replicate Richland's successful supplemental support program for sciences known as the **Science Corner**. The objective of Brookhaven College is to establish a **Writer's Corner** to strengthen the academic and technical education skills of students enrolled in English composition courses. One goal of the **Writer's Corner** is to provide one-on-one tutoring and supplemental support for assignments in English discipline courses. The second goal is to help student develop critical thinking skills that will transfer into other academic areas. By providing supplemental support through the **Writer's Corner**, the goal is to enhance student competencies across the curriculum that will lead to overall academic success.