CSU Dominguez Hills’ Sustainability Efforts Awarded During 10th Annual Best Practice Awards

California State University, Dominguez Hills was honored with two Higher Education Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards during the 2014 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, held in June at San Diego State University. The awards were presented to campuses of the California State University and University of California systems.

CSU Dominguez Hills is the CSU’s recipient for the best lighting design and retrofit award for the intelligent lighting controls implemented on campus, as well as the monitoring-based commissioning award for energy saving methods implemented at Welch Hall, the campus administration building.

The Intelligent Lighting Controls project at CSU Dominguez Hills installed 424 smart sensors in the corridors of Welch Hall and other buildings, where dimmed ceiling lights illuminate and dim as a person passes through the area.

The project significantly reduced energy use and saved the university $26,000 annually, while providing research opportunities for CSUDH environmental science students.

Time Magazine Lists CSU Dominguez Hills among Nation’s Top Universities for Accessibility, Affordability

California State University, Dominguez Hills is listed among the top colleges and universities in the country according to a Time Magazine ranking that is based on criteria the White House plans to use to assess how well institutions serve students.

Placing the highest importance on graduation rates, tuition and the percentage of students who receive federal Pell Grants, CSU Dominguez Hills ranked 29th among 100 schools that topped the Time Magazine list.

“When you focus on what’s right, like affordable access and quality education, community service and student success it’s not surprising that we are ranked so high,” CSU Dominguez Hills President Willie J. Hagan said. “With the right investment we intend to be ranked even higher.”

Time looked at data that 2,500 colleges and universities submitted to the Department of Education’s Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. Universities were then evaluated according to six-year graduation rates, the percentage of full-time, first-time undergraduates receiving Pell Grants and the net cost for students who receive any form of aid and whose families make less than $110,000 annually.

Last year, the Obama Administration announced plans to assess the performance of institutes of higher education based on these criteria with the goal to help students compare the value of a university, identify institutions that do the most to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and those that are improving their performance.

Commencement 2014

Their faces filled with joy and relief, close to 3,000 students crossed the stage in the 2014 California State University, Dominguez Hills Commencement ceremonies as loved ones, faculty and university staff elatedly cheered them on. Over the span of two days—on May 16 and 17 at the StubHub Center Tennis Stadium— the five college-based commencement ceremonies highlighted students’ diversity, perseverance and incredible drive to succeed and accomplish their goals.

Keynote speakers for each ceremony also doled out wisdom and encouragement to the graduates. Speakers included Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles (retired) and Professor of Practice, USC; Mr. Bob Blair, Chief Administrative Officer, Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center; The Hon. Jamienne S. Studley, Acting Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; The Hon. Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke, Los Angeles County Supervisor (retired); and Mr. Dan Beckerman, President and CEO, AEG. See more at DatelineDominguez.com/2014/05/commencement-2014.