

# West Kentucky Community and Technical College

## 2021 ASPEN PRIZE CEREMONY WATCH PARTY

May 18, 2021 • Clemens Fine Arts Theatre

The Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices and leadership that significantly improve student learning, completion, and employment after college—especially for the growing population of students of color and low-income students on American campuses.

The \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges—as President Obama called it, “basically the Oscars for great community colleges.” The Aspen Prize honors institutions with outstanding achievement in four areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students of color and low-income students.

**West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC)** serves more than 8,000 students annually and offers more than 200 associate degree, diploma and certificate options in more than 30 academic and career programs. WKCTC has been recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 10 Community College five times by the Aspen Institute and has twice been named a Finalist With Distinction for providing students with strong job training and continuing higher education opportunity, for achieving high completion and transfer rates, and for providing strong employment results for its graduates.

### Agenda for Today's Ceremony

<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Doors open to theatre	
<b>11:40 a.m.</b>	Welcome	Lee Emmons, WKCTC Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	Introduction	Dr. Anton Reece, WKCTC President
<b>11:50 a.m.</b>	“Why WKCTC?”	Video by Kathy McHaney, WKCTC Public Relations Assistant
<b>12:00-12:45 p.m.</b>	Aspen Ceremony	Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona</li><li>• First Lady Jill Biden</li><li>• Video: How my college changed my life</li><li>• Introducing the Aspen Prize colleges: Jury co-chairs Freeman Hrabowski and Ruth Williams-Brinkley</li><li>• Student success strategies at Aspen Prize colleges</li></ul>
<b>12:45-12:57 p.m.</b>	Winner announcements	Aspen Prize Jury co-chairs
<b>12:57-1:00 p.m.</b>	Final Aspen Remarks	Josh Wyner
<b>1:05 p.m.</b>	Kentucky Lt. Governor	Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman
<b>1:07 p.m.</b>	Closing Remarks	Dr. Anton Reece

*Special thanks to: Chef Jessi Donaldson,  
the Campus Dining and Catering crew, and WKCTC's Aspen Announcement Planning Committee*



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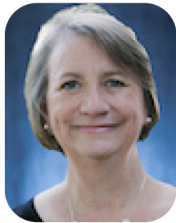
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