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**NEWS**

**COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOUNDATION  
ANNOUNCES WINNER OF  
COAST LAUNCHPAD CONTEST**

*A contest in which INNOVATION is rewarded and STUDENT SUCCESS is the primary objective.*

Costa Mesa, Ca. — Coast Community College District (CCCD) Foundation hosted the Coast LAUNCHPAD INITIATIVE—a creative contest that allowed teams to work together to develop creative and innovative methods that can be implemented and increase student success. Teams consisted of at least one member from each of the four District entities: Coastline Community College, Golden West College, Orange Coast College, and the Coast Community College District Office. All teams worked together to develop a preliminary concept. The contest was designed to reward the best idea that can be implemented to increase student success. “We were looking for ideas that would be replicable, scalable and sustainable,” said Chancellor Andrew Jones. “We were very impressed with all of the ideas presented and the level of collaboration from all of our Coast teammates.”

On March 19, four teams presented their final proposals to a panel of judges including Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, CCCD Trustee. She was joined by educators, business leaders, and futurists from the World Future Society to form the six-member judging panel. Team Awesome was chosen as the winner for their innovative and inspiring proposal. Their concept proposes an interactive application that will help students monitor their progress toward degree completion, have centralized access to class schedules and registration, and provide tools for fully integrated faculty communications.

Congratulations to Team Awesome members Peter Maharaj (Coastline Community College), David Dluzak (Golden West College), Eric Hobbs (Orange Coast College), and Kristen Le (Coast Community College District). For more information about this or any other Coast Colleges program, contact us at [info@ccd.edu](mailto:info@ccd.edu), or (714) 438-4600.

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