

ATD Institutional Designations Office Hour

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Welcome & Agenda for Office Hour

1. Awards & Eligibility Recap
2. How to Apply Walkthrough
3. Connecting Efforts and Outcomes
4. Data Template (Excel workbook)
5. Friendly Reminders
6. Q&A



Awards & Criteria

We recognize institutions that have made outstanding progress to:

- Advance **equity**
- Achieve measurable increases **student success**
- Design a **student-focused culture**

Leader College (LC)

- Active in the ATD Network for 3+ years
- Provide four years of data
- Highlight a three-year upward trend for *two* metrics
- Demonstrate narrowed equity gap for one or more metrics

Leader College of Distinction (LCOD)

- Has held Leader College status
- Highlight a three-year upward trend for *three* metrics (two leading, one lagging)
- Demonstrate narrowed equity gaps for two or more metrics between two or more student groups

Leah Meyer Austin Award (LMA)

- Leader College or LCOD active in ATD Network
- Has not won in last five years
- Same data requirements as LCOD
- (See our website for detailed eligibility criteria including improvement on IPEDS three-year graduation rate; fall-to-fall retention for full-time or part-time students; and selection as one of the Aspen Prize top 150)



Recognizing and Celebrating Network Colleges



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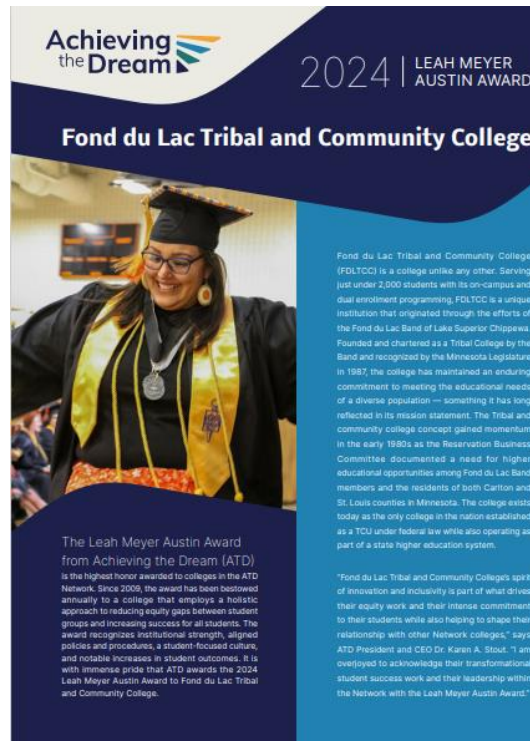
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SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

The Leah Meyer Austin Award from Achieving the Dream (ATD) is the highest honor awarded to colleges in the ATD Network. Since 2008, the award has been bestowed each year to a college that demonstrates outstanding long-term


“ This honor reflects years of effort to maximize equity and student success,” said Dr. Steven L. Johnson, Sinclair’s president



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Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College



Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) is a college unlike any other. Serving just under 2,000 students with its on-campus and dual enrollment programming, FDLTCC is a unique institution that originated through the efforts of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Founded and chartered as a Tribal College by the Band and recognized by the Minnesota Legislature in 1987, the college has maintained an enduring commitment to meeting the educational needs of a diverse population — something it has long reflected in its mission statement. The Tribal and community college concept gained momentum in the early 1980s as the Reservation Business Committee documented a need for higher educational opportunities among Fond du Lac Band members and the residents of both Carlton and St. Louis counties in Minnesota. The college exists today as the only college in the nation established as a TCU under federal law while also operating as part of a state higher education system.

The Leah Meyer Austin Award from Achieving the Dream (ATD) is the highest honor awarded to colleges in the ATD Network. Since 2008, the award has been bestowed annually to a college that employs a holistic approach to reducing equity gaps between student groups and increasing success for all students. The award recognizes institutional strength, aligned policies and procedures, a student-focused culture, and notable increases in student outcomes. It is with immense pride that ATD awards the 2024 Leah Meyer Austin Award to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

“Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College’s spirit of innovation and inclusivity is part of what drives their equity work and their intense commitment to their students while also helping to shape their relationship with other Network colleges,” says ATD President and CEO Dr. Karan A. Stout. “I am delighted to acknowledge their transformational student success work and their leadership within the Network with the Leah Meyer Austin Award.”



Benefits of National Recognition for Your College's Student Success Leadership

Leader Colleges and Leader Colleges of Distinction:

- Receive priority participation in ATD initiatives and grant opportunities
- Are asked to present/facilitate more sessions at ATD events
- Are featured more frequently in ATD communications (such as the *Network Connection*)
- ATD will coordinate a joint media announcement of this recognition

Leah Meyer Austin Award winners:

- Announced at the annual DREAM conference with in-depth case studies that highlight their outstanding gains in student success and institutional equity
- Featured in a spring semester ATD Network webinar showcasing the college's ATD journey to the Leah Meyer Austin Award
- Two additional complementary registrations to DREAM 2025
- ATD will coordinate a joint media announcement of this recognition
- \$25,000 Leah Meyer Austin Award prize



How to Apply



Application Components

Components

- Data Template
- Online Application Questions
- President/CEO Letter of Support
- For Leah Meyer Austin Award application, complete Evidence of Institutional Transformation Section

Resources

- ATD Institutional Designations Guidance (PDF)
- Data Templates (Excel file)
- Guidance for the President/CEO letter of Support (PDF)
- Guidance for the Evidence of Institutional Transformation (PDF) (Leah Meyer Austin Award Applicants Only)
- Application Rubrics



How to Apply

- Start your journey on the ATD website: <https://achievingthedream.org/awards-recognition/>
- Click the **Apply** Button.
- Check out the landing page and access your resources.
- Click **Log In** or **Register**.
- You can always access your resources by returning to the landing page. To do so, click:
 - **ATD Institutional Designations** (located above your application number) or
 - **Programs** (located in the top right corner of your screen)
- Invite Collaborators.
- If you have questions about your eligibility or the applications after today's office hour, please reach out! Email network@achievingthedream.org.



Data Template

- Located in Survey Monkey Apply on the ATD Institutional Designations landing page. Click the link, and the file will be automatically downloaded to your computer.
- General template notes
- Intro Tab
 - Fill in orange cells (these will translate to the other tabs)
 - A note on cohorts
- Data tabs
 - Momentum — Gateway Courses (purple)
 - Momentum — Credit Completion Rate (purple)
 - Momentum — Fall to Fall Persistence (blue)
 - Milestone — Four-year Completion (dark green)
 - Milestone — Xfer + Earned Bac (light green)
- Reviewer Tabs
 - For ATD use only



Fall Cohorts

Fall Cohorts for this Application

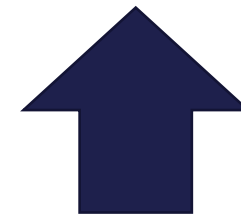
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
Gateway Courses						•	•	•	•
Credit Completion Rate						•	•	•	•
Fall-to-Fall Persistence					•	•	•	•	
Four-year Completion			•	•	•	•			
Transfer + Earned Bacc	•	•	•	•					



Connecting Efforts & Outcomes

- Make sure the narrative portion of the application reflects your college's data
 - What efforts at the college contributed to progress on outcomes?
- On the front page of the data template – identify the gap improvement areas you are discussing in the narrative
- Use the rubrics to review your application materials and ensure you've included everything the reviewers will be looking for in their application review

FIELDS		
Institution Name Sample Community College		
Cohort Type	(- select cohort -)	
Race/Ethnicity		
Group 1 (largest)	(- select group -)	
Group 2 (second-largest)	(- select group -)	
Group 3	(- select group -)	
Optional Additional Priority Group		
Group Name	(- enter group -)	
Earned Baccalaureate Denominator		
Denominator Type	(- select denominator -)	
Color Legend		
Orange	EDITABLE	
Blue	autofilled	
Gray	autofilled	
Green	autofilled	
Latest Fall Cohort 2023		
Current Award Year	2025	
After completing the template, return here and select the Equity Metrics you will highlight in your application.		
Metrics for Gap improvement		
	Metric	Student Characteristic Type
Gap Improvement Area #1	(- select metric -)	(- select characteristic -)
Gap Improvement Area #2	(- select metric -)	(- select characteristic -)
Gap Improvement Area #3	(- select metric -)	(- select characteristic -)
Gap Improvement Area #4	(- select metric -)	(- select characteristic -)



Friendly Reminders

- Application deadline:
Thursday, October 17, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. ET
- If you have any questions, please contact
network@achievingthedream.org



Q & A



Thank You.

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