



Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to share another golden moment for Triton College. Our institution has been recognized as a **2026 Leader College** from Achieving the Dream (ATD), a distinction that reflects the consistency and impact of the work happening across our campus every day. This honor reinforces what we see firsthand—students choose Triton College because they trust us to deliver a quality education, strong support resources and meaningful opportunities that help them move forward.

Triton is one of 21 institutions earning Leader College status for the first time, while 15 colleges have recertified their status and 32 institutions have been named Leader Colleges of Distinction. Triton will hold its Leader College designation for a three-year term.

According to ATD, Leader College status signals that everyone across an institution is committed to ensuring access, belonging and success for all of its students. In an ATD news release, President and CEO Karen Stout noted that the 2026 Leader Colleges are “producing real gains in student outcomes, strengthening their practices, and deepening their impact in the communities they serve” by using data to guide decisions and continuously improve.

Earning the Leader College status adds to the growing momentum of national attention our institution has received recently, including our eligibility for the [Aspen Prize](#) for Community College Excellence. Together, these distinctions affirm that our institution is not only meeting high standards, we are setting them. They highlight the collective effort of faculty, staff and others who create an environment where students feel seen, supported and empowered to learn and succeed.

As we continue implementing our strategic plan, Cultivating Growth Together, this recognition serves as a reminder of the importance of our work and the impact we have on the communities we serve. Our progress is shared, and so is this achievement.

With gratitude,

President Moore

