

AGENDA ITEM 6.E.

RE: SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan Project of Excellence Recognition

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To inform the Board of Trustees of Laredo College's selection by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as one of only **17 institutions** to receive the inaugural **Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Project of Excellence Recognition**. This item is presented for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

BACKGROUND: As part of Laredo College's Fifth-Year Interim Review, the College submitted its QEP Impact Report documenting the outcomes of Digital Connections: Bridging Learning and Technology, a five-year initiative focused on improving student success through student engagement, digital learning technologies, enhanced access and connectivity, and professional development for faculty and staff.

Earlier this summer, SACSCOC accepted Laredo College's Fifth-Year Interim Report with **no recommendations or additional follow-up reports required**. Following a peer review of QEP Impact Reports submitted through the Fifth-Year Interim Review process, SACSCOC subsequently selected Laredo College as one of 17 institutions for its inaugural QEP Project of Excellence Recognition. The distinction recognizes the demonstrated impact of the College's QEP on student learning and student success and reflects the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, and administrators across the institution.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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