

Profile

Millicent Valek

Millicent Valek is president of Brazosport College, having served in that role since 1996. During the 81st Legislature, she also served as Chair of the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

A native Texan, Dr. Valek holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's degree from Texas State University. She earned her Ph.D through the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Brazosport College is a comprehensive community college with an excellent record in workforce development, with programs geared to the preparation of those entering the workforce and the ongoing training of incumbent workers. The college is one of three community colleges in Texas with the authority to offer applied baccalaureate degrees.

Brazosport College is located in Senate District 17, represented in the Texas Legislature by Senator Joan Huffman, Vice Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

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Community College Baccalaureate Degree Programs

National Perspective

- Pathway for AAS degrees
- Special needs of non-traditional students
- Access to higher education
- Increased cost of upper-level education at universities

Applied Baccalaureate Degrees at Texas Community Colleges

- 2003 Legislative authority (pilot status)
- 2004 Approval for degree and formula funding by Coordinating Board and accreditation by SACS
- 2005 Programs start with admission of upper level students
- 2007 First Graduates
- 2007 Legislative authority (pilot status removed)

Outcomes at the Local Level

- BAT in Industrial Management
- Student Participation
- Graduates
- Placement
- SACS approval for online offering
- Articulation agreements with other colleges

Funding Considerations

- State Appropriations
- Leveraged Resources
- Cost to Students
- Access to Higher Education
- Closing the Gaps