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Faculty organization receives national award for second time

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A team composed of GCC faculty, who live by the motto "It isn't how smart you are, its how you're smart," have been recognized this month for their amazing efforts in aiding students with the ability to understand and utilize their academics.

On Feb. 1, the pioneers of the Multiple Intelligences/Learning for Understanding Program (MI/LFU) received the Bellwether Finalist Award for the second year in a row.

"The Bellwether Awards are considered the Academy Awards for community colleges. We were thrilled to be recognized again," said Dr. Rene Diaz-Lefebvre, GCC psychology professor.

GCC was selected out of over 100 community colleges as having one of the top 10 innovative teaching programs (MI/LFU).

"The whole team was honored to represent Glendale in this event. It has truly revolutionized the way I teach," said Professor Darlene Goto, art department.

3,100 students have successfully

graduated from the MI/LFU program since its birth in 1994, which offers 12 disciplines, including Drawing I, Literature and Organic Chemistry.

The belief that everyone posses at least eight intelligences is the main idea of the program. The students enrolled use their imagination and creativity to explore different approaches in understanding their academic material.

"I have seen this program completely change the lives of my students over the course of the semester. It allows them to go beyond the textbook and to develop a deeper understanding of the material," said professor Stephen Williams, Biology department chair.

The Bellwether Awards are on display in the library media center, as well as a selection of the top projects students have created from their various MI/LFU disciplines.

The faculty members traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete for the prestigious award.

They gave a presentaion describing the MI/LFU program and how GCC students use it.