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## BMCC financial aid director earns Community College Excellence Award

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College’s Financial Aid Director Yadira Gonzalez was recently honored by the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) with the Community College Excellence Award.

Gonzalez, who has worked for BMCC since 2014, was nominated by BMCC’s chapter of AAWCC for her passion and commitment to providing service on campus and in the community. Gonzalez not only serves as an advocate for women, but also for the local Hispanic community. She routinely travels to high schools in the College district to present financial aid information and answer questions in both English and Spanish to local Hispanic youth and their families.

“Yadira is a trusted and valuable asset to our AAWCC chapter and our College community,” said BMCC President Cam Preus. “She truly cares about our students and providing access to information so that everyone can pursue their higher education goals.”

Gonzalez is a founding member of BMCC’s chapter of AAWCC, and is the chapter’s secretary.

The Community College Excellence Award celebrates individuals whose accomplishments made a difference for women in their local community college.

AAWCC is a council of the American Association of Community Colleges, and is dedicated to equality, equity and excellence for women in community colleges. AAWCC encourages professional development for women in community colleges, supports women in leadership roles, develops communication among women in community colleges, promotes and offers local and state workshops, disseminates information on courses, programs and services for professional women.

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