



Assembly Member Blanca E. Rubio Named AICCU Policymaker of the Year

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) named Assembly Member Blanca E. Rubio as the 2019 Policymaker of the Year. AICCU recognized Assembly Member Rubio for her dedication and leadership to ensure diverse, low-income California students have affordable access to higher education. Assembly Member Rubio was honored during the AICCU Annual Meeting dinner in Sacramento on October 16.

A double alumna of Azusa Pacific University, Rubio received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and master's degree in Education with a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She taught for 16 years as an elementary school teacher. Rubio was elected in November 2016 to represent California's 48th Assembly District.

An immigrant from Mexico who moved to Southern California at a young age, Assembly Member Rubio is a true champion for students who are at the most risk to not attend college. Her own experience to excel and achieve an education against the odds has made her a forceful advocate.

The AICCU community is grateful for Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and her authorship of Assembly Bill 1307 – The College Opportunity Act – and her strong leadership to ensure equity, access, and affordable higher education options for all California students and to attend institutions where they can best succeed.

Ensuring California maintains its qualified and prepared workforce, AICCU institutions provide tremendous regional access and provide affordable opportunities for California students. AICCU institutions enroll more than 27,000 Cal Grant students each year and will continue to advocate for these diverse, hardworking students who need affordable, regional access to a four-year institution.

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About AICCU

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 85 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state's model higher education offerings and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. Within California, ICCU institutions award over 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making them the largest preparers of California's advanced workforce.