

## Leveraging Excellence Award Program Receives National Exposure

NCCI's new Leveraging Excellence Award Program has been broadly communicated in its first year. Articles featuring the Leveraging Excellence winners are appearing in ACE's *The Presidency* (spring edition) and NACUBO's *Business Officer* (fall edition). In addition, we developed a booklet featuring the award winners. Copies were mailed to presidents of all institutions of higher education in the nation, with a letter signed by Lee T. Todd, Jr., President of the University of Kentucky and Chair of the Award Judging Panel and Rick Wallick, NCCI President. The booklets can be viewed on our web site, and copies can be requested. Please consider how you might use this booklet to raise awareness of this exciting new program.

We are beginning now to promote the program for next year. Have you "leveraged excellence" in some way – broadly disseminating or scaling best practices to leverage impact? Do you know someone else who has? If so, please go to [www.ncci-cu.org](http://www.ncci-cu.org) where you can learn more about the program, and apply online. Applications for 2009 are due by October 1, 2008. Winners will be recognized at ACE's Annual Meeting in February 2009 in Washington, D.C. and again at NCCI's Annual Meeting in July 2009 in Boston.

We would like to express our thanks to our distinguished panel of final judges:

- Chair Lee T. Todd, Jr., President of the University of Kentucky
- William E. Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland
- Mohammad H. Qayoumi, President of California State University, East Bay
- Benjamin F. Quillian, Senior Vice President of ACE
- Susan Jurow, Senior Vice President of NACUBO.

NCCI's team consisted of Leveraging Excellence Program Director, Maury Cotter from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the members of the NCCI Preliminary Review Panel:

- Chair Patricia Brady, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Ron Coley, University of California, Berkeley
- Julie Furst-Bowe, University of Wisconsin-Stout
- Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University
- Brent Ruben, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.