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## Think Tank Receives National Award as Outstanding Learning Center

The National College Learning Center Association is proud to announce that the University of Arizona's Think Tank is the recipient of the Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center for 2022. The purpose of the NCLCA Frank Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award is to give national recognition to work done by learning centers and to foster their future growth and development.

NCLCA may recognize two learning assistance centers for excellence each year: one two-year college (Technical, Community, etc.) and one four-year college or university. After careful deliberation, only Think Tank received this prestigious award in 2022.

Awards will be announced and presented at NCLCA's 37<sup>th</sup> annual conference, held this year from October 5-8 in Reston, Virginia. Think Tank will receive an engraved plaque showcasing its award during the awards luncheon on October 7.

Think Tank is a centralized academic support center that combines tutoring, supplemental instruction, writing center, academic skills, and test preparation under one entity. The center utilizes this strength to provide a wide array of services that can meet the different needs of students. This centralized vision is acknowledged and encouraged by the institution and senior leadership of the university.

The National College Learning Center Association is a community that works and supports learning center leaders worldwide. Focusing on the leadership of learning centers in higher education, NCLA offers a popular annual conference and institute, frequent webinars, a newsletter, a podcast, and a peer-reviewed journal.

Michael Frizell, Director of Student Learning Services at Missouri State University, editor of *The Learning Assistance Review*, and President of NCLCA selected the Think Tank for its outstanding contributions to the field of learning assistance. He applauds Marco A. Ortiz, Director of the Think Tank, and his team for their outstanding submission.

## About the National College Learning Center Association

The National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) is a professional organization that promotes excellence among learning center personnel. NCLCA welcomes any individual interested in assisting college and university students along the road to academic success.

The mission of NCLCA is to support learning assistance professionals as they develop and maintain learning centers, programs, and services to enhance student learning at the post-secondary level. Please visit <u>http://nclca.wildapricot.org</u> for more information.

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