

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:**

2021 Legislator STAR Award for Senator Jeff Bridges

**PRESENTED BY:**

Joe Garcia, Chancellor and Rollie Heath, SBCCOE Chair

**EXPLANATION:**

The Legislator STAR Award is given annually to legislators who make an extra effort to understand and champion our issues.

Senator Jeff Bridges is a 2021 recipient in recognition of his leadership on the Joint Technology Committee and a record year of \$4.5 million in state funding for critically important technology projects at our community colleges. These included a classroom technology project at the Community College of Denver and network, technology, and IT security upgrades at Colorado Northwestern Community College, Otero College, and Lamar Community College. The IT investments for which Senator Bridges advocated will help us to modernize the technology infrastructure at our rural colleges and subsequently link those colleges through technology in order to share instruction and to better support our rural students.

We thank Senator Bridges for his steadfast support of our mission to provide affordable, accessible, high-quality post-secondary education and workforce training opportunities to thousands of students across Colorado.