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Mr. Bassam Matar is a 30-year veteran engineering faculty in the Maricopa Community College District. Bassam built the Engineering Program at Chandler/Gilbert Community College where he still resides. He developed courses, articulated with surrounding universities, led committees, met with industry leaders, organized events, attended conferences, and applied for grants to enhance the program for students. More specifically, his career includes service as PI or Co-PI on seven National Science Foundation-funded grants. In addition, he has been a lecturer at Arizona State University for 20 years. All of the effort and collaboration has amounted to a well-established Chandler/Gilbert Engineering Program-the largest in the Maricopa district. Recognition and awards include the Motorola Educator of the Year Award, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award, the 2010 Electronic Engineering Times ACE Award Educator of the Year, and the City of Gilbert Community Excellence Award for Educator of the Year.