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McGraw winners opening college doors



Blais



Berry Griffin



Reed

Three educators who have worked to increase college access and success for U.S. students are the recipients of the 2008 McGraw Prize in Education. The winners are: Richard Blais, vice president and co-founder of Project Lead the Way, which works to advance the number of students prepared to study engineering; Judith Berry Griffin, president and founder of Pathways to College, which identifies talented students of color in low-performing schools and helps prepare them to achieve in selective colleges; and Charles Reed, chancellor of the 450,000-student California State University system. Reed launched a successful initiative throughout the state college system to recruit and retain more minority students. The awards, which come with a \$25,000

prize for each recipient, are named for Harold McGraw Jr., chairman emeritus of McGraw-Hill Companies.