



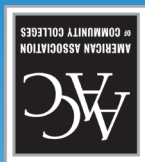
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What Has AACC Done for You Lately?

Your membership investment in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) returns important benefits to your leaders, your college, and your students. The national spotlight is squarely on our colleges as economic engines, open doors to access, and channels for social and workplace equity. In 2011, AACC's work on your behalf brought progress in each of these important areas.

3 Million Students benefited from AACC advocacy to preserve the Pell Grant maximum—\$11 billion dollars in critical student aid.

Extension of the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) was achieved for an additional two years, providing further resources to finance college tuition for a significant number of students.

\$1.4 Million in Grants and Contracts was distributed through AACC to member colleges to expand student access and success, ramp up workforce programs, and increase entrepreneurial opportunity.

More Than 1,000 Members participated in 10 regional “listening tours” to help AACC understand member challenges and identify solutions. A Listening Tour Report highlights promising practices and innovations.

The 21st-Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges began its work to create a new, national vision for community colleges. This blue-ribbon panel brings together thought leaders and national experts to tackle current and future challenges.

National Leadership Opportunities supported today's leaders and prepared the leaders of tomorrow through AACC sponsorship of the President's Academy, national commissions, special task forces, Future Leaders Institutes, and other professional development opportunities.

Less Red Tape was an important outcome of AACC policy work to blunt regulatory proposals advanced by the U.S. Department of Education relating to gainful employment and distance education.

Communications and Research helped to provide insights and information and give community colleges a national voice. Free member access to the *Community College Times*, digital *Community College Journal*, research briefs, and a dynamic website kept members informed and on message. A new Community College Spotlight provided national exposure on the AACC home page for member colleges.

Major New Initiatives totaling close to \$10 million expanded community colleges' reach and effectiveness. The Voluntary Framework of Accountability, Goldman Sachs Foundation's 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, Achieving the Dream, and other national efforts benefited member colleges individually and collectively.