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Dear tina,

There's just over a month to go until the AACC Annual Convention. I'm happy to announce a couple new things at this year's convention: executive coaching for staff at all levels of leadership, and sessions aimed at faculty. If you haven't yet registered to attend, I encourage you to do so. You don't want to miss out!



MUST READ

“A United Front on Metrics”

AACC and Achieving the Dream (ATD) have signed a memorandum of understanding that will encourage the adoption of AACC's Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) metrics at ATD institutions and introduce VFA institutions to the ATD network. Get the details in [Community College Daily](#).

“4 Lessons from a College's Completion Efforts”

Wallace Community College has transformed instruction, leading to better completion rates. Find out what campus leaders have learned from the process at the [21st Century Center](#).

The Road to Convention

AACC board members recall their favorite memories from past AACC conventions, what they've learned, and why they keep coming back.

MUST DO

Register for Executive Coaching

New to the AACC Annual Convention: AACC is offering registrants the opportunity to purchase a 1-hour session with an experienced association executive coach. You can [book your session](#) through the convention registration process.

Sign Up for the New CEO Academy

Designed specifically for first-time CEOs, this [2-day workshop](#) covers essential topics that challenge every new leader. Meet with your peers in a learning environment that is supportive and serious, open and honest, productive and informative. Seasoned faculty provide first-hand experiences and insights on topics including mastering advocacy, problem solving, fostering the college mission, and understanding college finances. The New CEO Academy takes place April 8–9 in Chicago, as part of AACC's convention. All attendees will receive a new Dell tablet thanks to the generosity of Dell, Inc. and their support of the academic mission and strategic direction of community colleges.

Apply for a New ATD Grant Program

Achieving the Dream invites proposals from public 2-year postsecondary institutions to participate in a 3-year [Open Educational Resources Degree Initiative](#). Up to 30 institutions may be selected to receive grants of up to \$100,000 to establish 1-year or 2-year degree programs that use open educational resources in place of proprietary textbooks. Applications are due April 8. A [webinar](#) to review expectations of participating institutions will be held March 10 at 3:00 p.m. (ET).

MUST KNOW

AACC Launches Faculty Advisory Council

AACC is launching a new Faculty Advisory Council that will provide input on several key AACC efforts. The 10-member council is scheduled to have its first meeting at AACC's convention next month in Chicago. The members are named in this [Community College Daily](#) article.

Title IX Resources

AACC has added a [new page](#) to its advocacy materials containing key Title IX resources pertaining to sexual harassment and violence. Here, AACC members can find links to the Title IX statute and its implementing regulations, as well as to the sub-regulatory guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education that details how Title IX applies to sexual harassment and violence.



On February 22, I was pleased to meet with the team from *Inside Higher Education* in Washington, DC, to provide an update on the current priorities of the association. And today, I met with Mark Mitsui at the U.S. Department of Education to discuss several joint initiatives.



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