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Dear tina,

Unifying the credentialing system is something that's been discussed for years. In our continuing work to address the recommendations laid out in the 21st-Century Commission report, *Reclaiming the American Dream*, AACC—with funding from Lumina Foundation—has launched the Right Signals Initiative, which is aimed at turning all that discussion about credentials into action. Last week, we announced the 20 colleges participating in the initiative. You can learn more in the Must Know section.



## MUST READ

### **“Ramping Up Full-Time Faculty”**

California community colleges are hiring more full-time faculty as part of a statewide initiative, and in Texas, Lone Star College plans to hire 700 faculty over the next 7 years. Learn more about these efforts in [Community College Daily](#).

### **“How Colleges Can Help With Financial Planning”**

In this [21st Century Center article](#), Prince George's Community College in Maryland shares its success story of starting a financial center for students and the surrounding community.

### **On 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 the AACC Convention

The [96th Annual AACC Convention](#) is only 3 weeks away. You still have time to register online. You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity to network with your peers and hear from amazing speakers. Planning to stay at the Hyatt Regency Chicago? You must be registered in order to book your room. We'll see you in Chicago!

### Plan for PASI

The [2016 Presidents Academy Summer Institute](#) will take place July 16–19 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This year's theme is "Ready for Anything." The 3-day institute focuses on issues of critical importance to success in the role of the community college president. You can [register online](#) now.

### AACC Federal Legislative Update Webinar

Join AACC on March 31 at 3:00 p.m. (ET) for a free webinar highlighting pressing federal policy issues for community colleges. Learn what you need to know about this year's legislative and regulatory agenda including federal funding, the Pell Grant program, Higher Education Act and Perkins CTE Act reauthorizations, new overtime rules, U.S. Department of Education rulemakings, and more. [Register now](#).

## MUST KNOW

### Colleges Announced in Right Signals Initiative

Twenty community colleges from across the country will work together to identify and develop a model for recognizable credentialing to serve students, colleges and employers nationally. The colleges will participate in the ambitious Right Signals initiative, which is funded by Lumina Foundation. [See the list of colleges](#).

### CIC Launches New Leadership Program

The Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) has launched "Navigating a New Culture: A Workshop for Presidents and Other Leaders New to Independent Higher Education." The workshop is scheduled for July 28–29, 2016, in Washington, DC. To review specifics about the program, click [here](#).



On March 16, I was delighted to join our colleagues from the Los Angeles Community College District at their reception to honor the California Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC.



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Pictured: Walter Bumphus with Ventura College President Greg Gillespie.

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