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Dear ,

It's graduation season—a time of celebration and reflection. I want to take a moment to acknowledge your contributions to the lives of students and their families. Each student who walks across the stage at commencement is closer to achieving the American Dream. Thank you for all the work you do to make that happen.



MUST READ

[“What to Say When You Can't Comment”](#)

Even if you cannot comment on certain elements of a crisis situation at your college, you can always say something to reinforce the values of your organization and remain as transparent as possible. Learn more in [Community College Daily](#).

[“How to Drive Economic Development”](#)

Find out how Quinsigamond Community College in Massachusetts is meeting employer needs in this [21st Century Center article](#).

MUST DO

Apply for a Commission

AACC commission nominations will be accepted until May 20, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Commissions were established to provide advice to AACC's board and staff, and to encourage collaboration among community college entities and organizations. [Learn more.](#)

Register for PASI

Join us in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 16–19, for the 2016 [Presidents Academy Summer Institute](#) (PASI). This year's theme is "Ready for Anything." PASI focuses on issues of critical importance to success in the role of the community college president.

Nominate a Participant for FLI

The next AACC John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute](#) (FLI) is scheduled to take place June 27–30, 2016, in Washington, DC. FLI is a leadership seminar for mid-level community college administrators who look to be leaders in their current positions or are ready to move into a higher level of leadership. If you know someone at your college who would benefit from FLI, nominate that person before June 3. The first 20 registrants will receive a free Dell tablet, thanks to the generosity of Dell, Inc. and their support of the academic mission and strategic direction of community colleges.

MUST KNOW

AACC Sponsors Capitol Hill Briefing on HEA

AACC, in partnership with Salt Lake Community College, is holding [a briefing](#) on Capitol Hill on June 6, addressing the Higher Education Act and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act reauthorizations. Four community college presidents and one state director will brief Capitol Hill members and staff.



Where's Walter

On April 27, I attended the America's College Promise Board meeting in New York. And, along with other attendees, I was delighted to welcome U.S. Department of Education Deputy Under Secretary Kim Hunter Reed to a meeting of the Washington Higher Education Secretariat on May 3 in Washington, DC.



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Pictured: Walter Bumphus, Martha Parham, Jill Biden, and Harold Levy

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