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Dear Tina,

I'd like to thank all of the community college leaders that contacted AACC to determine how they might support our colleagues and friends in Louisiana who have been affected by the terrible flooding this month. Having led the community college system in Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, I am keenly aware of the long recovery and rebuilding process ahead. Please know that while news coverage may have subsided, you remain in our thoughts.



MUST READ

“Students Have Misaligned Expectations”

A study from the Center for Community College Student Engagement found a disconnect between students' perceptions about being prepared for college and the reality. According to the study, 86% of students enrolling believe they are academically prepared, but 68% take at least one developmental education class. Read about it in [Community College Daily](#).

“A Lifecycle Approach to Putting Higher Education Within Reach”

Martha Kanter writes about the importance of college education and the need to do more to help more low-income students. Read it in the [21st Century Center](#).

MUST DO**The First 100 Days**

In the August/September 2016 issue of the *Community College Journal*, I penned an article regarding what can potentially happen in the first 100 days of a presidency, and pitfalls to avoid. As a new or seasoned leader, we would like to hear from you about key items that new CEOs should know, be aware of, or in some cases, avoid. Please send your comments to oopmail@aacc.nche.edu. My plan is to compile all of the suggestions into an article to be released in the very near future.

Nominate a Participant for FLI or FPI

AACC is hosting two leadership institutes this fall. The John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute](#) (FLI), for mid-level community college administrators who are ready to move into a higher level of leadership, will be held October 10–13, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The [Future Presidents Institute](#), also in Las Vegas, October 10–12, is for senior leaders aspiring to the community college presidency. Do you know someone at your college who could benefit from this training? Recommend him or her for the program.

Submit Your Nomination for the Awards of Excellence

AACC's [Awards of Excellence](#) underscores the association's priorities and brings national visibility to promising practices among its member colleges. Nominees will be judged by a select committee of the AACC Board of Directors and the 2017 winners will be announced at the Awards of Excellence Gala at the [AACC Annual Convention](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Nomination deadline: October 3.

MUST KNOW**Board Nomination Period is Open**

AACC is accepting nominations for consideration of inclusion on the slate for the 2017 board of directors' election. Institutional members may be nominated by a member CEO or may self-nominate. To be a nominee, an individual must be a current member CEO. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, October 7. Please submit nominations to nominee@aacc.nche.edu.

AACC Establishes New Advisory Group

AACC is establishing a new Government Relations Advisory Group. The group is designed to more fully engage selected members in AACC's federal advocacy efforts, drawing on their expertise in public policy and their relationships with federal legislators. This group will meet three times annually. More information about the group can be found [online](#).

**Where's Walter**

On August 24, I had the pleasure of meeting with League President and CEO Rufus Glasper, and Dr. Anne Kress, an AACC Board member and chair of the League for Innovation's Board to discuss ways that our two organizations might work together. The next day, I joined National League for Nursing (NLN) CEO Dr. Beverly Malone and Dr. Judith Halstead for a luncheon to discuss the status of NLN's accreditation efforts.



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Pictured: AACC President Dr. Walter Bumphus and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Hawsey Karolewics at Wallace State's 2016 Convocation in Alabama.

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