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Dear Tina,

Improving college readiness is one of the many important issues AACC has taken on. Fortunately, we have a good partner in our efforts—AASA, The School Superintendents Association. We convened leaders in June to share barriers and promising practices. The proceedings of that convening, compiled by Hobsons, are now [online](#).



## MUST READ

### [Numbers Don't Tell the Whole Story](#)

The figures in a new report from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center that focuses on time to degree illustrate an important fact for community colleges and other higher education advocates: how students attend college is changing but the metrics often used to measure student success are lagging behind. Learn more in [Community College Daily](#).

### [“Crossing the Finish Line”](#)

Check out this [21st Century Center](#) post for an update on new programs that help students reach their educational destination.

**MUST DO****Nominate a Participant for FLI/FPI**

There's still time to nominate someone on your staff to attend the John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute](#) (FLI) or the [Future Presidents Institute](#) (FPI) in Las Vegas, Nevada. FLI takes place October 10–13, and FPI will take place October 10–12. Registration ends September 30.

**Submit Nominations for AACC's Leadership and Outstanding Alumni Awards**

Nominations for the Leadership Award and the Outstanding Alumni Awards are due October 3. The criteria can be found [online](#). Awards will be presented at the 2017 AACC Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 22–25.

**Last Chance to Nominate for the AACC Board of Directors**

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. Submit nominations to [nominee@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:nominee@aacc.nche.edu).

**MUST KNOW****AACC Agenda for the Presidential Candidates**

AACC has posted its agenda for the presidential candidates. It can be downloaded [online](#).

**JKCF Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships Available**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation [Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#) supports community college students with financial need to transfer to and complete their bachelor's degrees at top four-year colleges and universities. Scholarship applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and financial need. Applicants should plan to begin studies at a four-year college or university in Fall 2017. Application deadline: October 25, 2016. An [informational webinar](#) will be held September 28 at 3:00 p.m. (ET) for community college faculty, administrators, and students who are interested.

**Update on AACC Advocacy Advisory Group**

AACC has appointed the members of the new Government Relations Advisory Group. The list of members is [online](#). The group's charge is to provide guidance and advice to AACC's government relations team, and to work with federal policymakers on specific policy issues. The group will convene in November at AACC's Fall Meeting.



The AACC Executive Leadership Team and I participated in a staff planning retreat on September 15, in Washington, DC. On September 28, I will be joined by AACC Board Chair Dan Phelan at a meeting of the Six with regional accreditors (Washington, DC).

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Pictured: Tulsa Community College (Oklahoma)

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