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Dear Tina,

I'm sending positive thoughts to our friends in the path of Hurricane Matthew. The next hours and days will be a trial, as will the weeks and months of clean-up that's sure to follow. To those affected, I say this: We're here for you. Please stay safe.



MUST READ

[“Different Roles for Presidents’ Spouses”](#)

Today's community college presidents and their spouses/partners face many issues, such as balancing home life, work and work activities that may include the extended family. Read about how some couples are handling their roles in [Community College Daily](#).

[“Using Team Teaching to Accelerate Opportunity”](#)

Read about an initiative that explores the power of team teaching in the [21st Century Center](#).

MUST DO

[Answer the Call for Proposals](#)

[Submit your proposal](#) to present at the 2017 Annual Convention by October 31 at 5:00 p.m. (ET). AACC is seeking proposals that reflect the best thinking in the field informed by outcomes that demonstrate success. Proposals must directly relate to one of the seven [convention tracks](#). The convention will take place April 22–25, 2017, in New Orleans.

Show Your Support for Year-Round Pell

Now is the time to tell your Congressional representatives to [reinstate Year-Round Pell grants](#). AACC has a number of resources to help you with this. We've posted on [this Web page](#) a letter template and talking points, and created social media templates to help you declare #PellYes.

MUST KNOW

Higher Ed Associations and Regional Accreditors' Meeting

On September 28, I was joined by Board Chair Dan Phelan in representing AACC at a meeting with regional accreditors. We discussed several important matters, including new U.S. Department of Education requirements on accreditors and heavy regulatory burden, low graduation rates and high default rates, ideas on differential accreditation, and the proposed Accreditation Reform and Enhanced Accountability Act of 2016. As has been stated before, I believe that all colleges want to be accountable and strive for improved completion and student success rates. However, it is vitally important that these measurements reflect the role, scope, and mission of the respective higher education institutions. We left this meeting understanding that regional accreditors are in agreement that it is important to ensure quality for those institutions with high default and low graduation rates, but the presence or absence of these factors alone does not guarantee quality or indicate that it is absent. This meeting was the first of a number planned in the coming months. AACC will continue to monitor this matter closely, and advise our members on movement as it happens.

PromiseNet 2016

The College Promise Campaign is hosting [PromiseNet 2016](#) in Washington, DC, October 24–26. It's a convening of practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to learn more about the College Promise movement. The campaign also will host a webinar October 21 at 2:00 p.m. (ET) to discuss the potential to grow the impact of College Promise programs that incorporate Children's Savings Accounts into their designs. [Register online](#).



Where's Walter

I was pleased to welcome our Pathways partners to DC, as well as to participate in a meeting of the Six with regional accreditors on September 28.

On October 3, I participated in a monthly meeting of the Secretariat at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, DC.



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I attended the annual ACCT Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 4–7.

Pictured: Walter Bumphus, Noah Brown, and Martha Kanter at the ACCT Congress.

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