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Dear Tina,

With nearly 1,100 community colleges, it is extremely difficult for AACC to know about all of the wonderful innovation happening on each of your campuses. The AACC Annual Convention is your time to share promising practices and lessons learned with your colleagues. We want to hear from you, so consider submitting a proposal to present at the convention. Details are below.



MUST READ

“Academy Provides a Jump for Those Behind”

Imagine students skipping a year of pre-college English because they made it through a two-week boot camp. This is happening at Santa Monica College. Learn more in [Community College Daily](#).

“Creating a Sustainable Culture”

At Lewis & Clark Community College, hands-on training contributes to a sustainable community. This [21st Century Center](#) article has the details.

MUST DO

Submit Convention Proposals by October 31

The deadline for [submitting proposals](#) for the AACC Annual Convention is approaching. 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. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on October 31.

Send in Nominations for the Awards of Excellence

The AACC [Awards of Excellence](#) nomination deadline has been extended to November 30. Submit nominations in the following categories: Advancing Diversity, Community College Safety Planning and Leadership, Exemplary CEO/Board, Faculty Innovation, Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership, and Student Success. Winners will be announced at the AACC Annual Convention.

Register for the Internet of Things Webinar

Higher education is buzzing about the Internet of Things, but most people remain confused about what “the Internet of Things” is, and whether you should be doing anything about it. A [free webinar](#) on this topic will take place October 26 at 2:00 p.m. (ET). E-mail CEOs@aacc.nche.edu to register.

Show Your Support for Year-Round Pell

Now is the time to tell your Congressional representatives to say #PellYes to year-round Pell grants. AACC has [created resources](#), including talking points and social media templates, to help you do this.

MUST KNOW

Healthy Campus Challenge

We've been asked to pass on [this letter](#) from Denis McDonough, White House chief of staff, and Education Secretary John B. King, Jr. It contains information about the [Healthy Campus Challenge](#). They're asking campuses to commit to undertake a set of enrollment best practices, such as hosting open enrollment activities on campus and sending reminder emails to students around important deadlines for securing coverage. If your institution takes the challenge, it will be recognized by President Obama as a Healthy Campus. It will also be entered into a lottery for a chance to attend Healthy Campus Day at the White House in January.



Where's Walter

On October 10–11, I was pleased to provide keynote presentations to members of our AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders and AACC Future Presidents Institute



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participants in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On October 13, I traveled to Quantico, Virginia, to attend my first board meeting for the Marine Corps University.

On October 19, I attended a meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (Washington, DC).

Pictured: Flathead Valley Community College (Montana).

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