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Dear Tina,

Last week, I was honored to attend a White House event focused on College Promise programs. Over the past 8 years, community colleges have had a seat at the table and have played a prominent role in several programs implemented by the Obama administration. As you know, next Tuesday's election will mark a significant change in the political landscape. AACC will continue to represent 2-year colleges regardless of which presidential and congressional candidates emerge as winners. Likewise, I encourage you to continue advocating for your students in your regions. We are working tirelessly on your behalf to extend our "Camelot Moment" into a Camelot decade and beyond.



## MUST KNOW

### [Accreditation Policy and Community Colleges](#)

Accreditation is top of mind for many community colleges and has certainly been a topic of discussion nationally. As our congressional leaders discuss the reauthorization of the HEA and potential legislative action, accreditation continues to garner attention from the Department of Education. AACC has published an [accreditation policy update](#) and its impact on community colleges. The report outlines the current issues and policy implications surrounding accreditation. AACC will continue to monitor and report to you on accreditation-related issues.

**MUST READ****“Redefining Student Success”**

Fewer than 40% of the nation’s undergraduates complete a college degree within 6 years. Addressing the lengthy 6-year timeline begins with a broad focus by increasing college completion rates. Read about it in [Community College Daily](#).

**“Alternative Remediation Options Lead to Student Success”**

Eight California community colleges are finding success with a fresh take on remedial math courses. [This 21st Century Center article has the details.](#)

**MUST DO****Register for the AACC Annual Convention**

Registration is now open for the [97th Annual AACC Convention](#). The 2017 convention will take place April 22–25 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme is “Community Colleges: America’s North Star.” Early-bird rates end January 27.

**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.

**Where's Walter**

On Monday, October 24, I was pleased to visit Kirkwood Community College and learn more about the college’s innovative programs and services (Cedar Rapids, IA).

Along with a number of other community college leaders, I attended a White House Convening on America’s College Promise, and a reception hosted by the Vice President and Dr. Biden. Later that evening, I brought greetings to attendees of the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) conference (DC).

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Pictured: Vice President Joe Biden, Walter Bumphus, and Dr. Jill Biden.

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