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Dear Tina,

The life-transforming work of community colleges was on display recently when Miami Dade College President Eduardo Padron was [awarded](#) the Presidential Medal of Freedom on November 22. The honor put Eduardo in the company of Tom Hanks, Diana Ross, Bill and Melinda Gates, and other greats. Congratulations, Eduardo, on this recognition.



MUST READ

[“One-stop Services Help Students Stay in College”](#)

A new study by the RAND Corporation shows that community college students participating in a program that provides comprehensive support services were at least 3 percentage points more likely to persist into their second year of college compared to similar students who did not use the services. Read about it in [Community College Daily](#).

[“Improving FAFSA Completion Rates”](#)

Changes to the FAFSA form and increased outreach are some ways the Education Department is working to increase FAFSA completion rates. Learn more in this [21st Century Center post](#).

MUST DO

Register for the AACC Convention

Register now 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. And be sure to check out the [pre-convention sessions](#).

Last chance to register for WDI: Today is the deadline to register for the annual AACC Workforce Development Institute, January 25-28 in Newport Beach, Calif.



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