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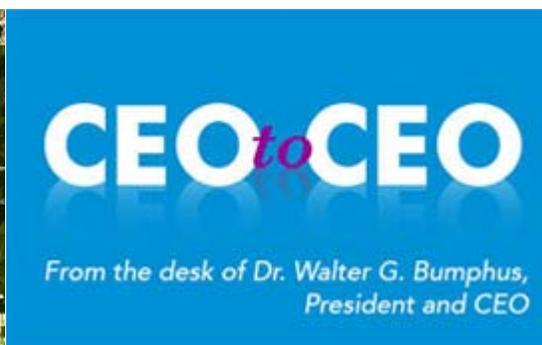
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American Association of Community Colleges

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Dear Tina,

There is much uncertainty right now about funding for higher education at the state and federal levels, but there's little doubt that legislators on both sides of aisle understand the power of Pell. Recently, the [Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act](#) was introduced in Congress. It would ensure fiscal stability for the Pell Grant program and increase the maximum award. AACC [fully endorses this bill](#), and we encourage you to voice your support, too.



MUST READ

[“Governors Support CTE, Job-Training Funding”](#)

The National Governors Association encouraged congressional appropriators not to cut funding for career and technical education and job training programs. Read about it in [CC Daily](#).

[Survey Shows Americans Value Community Colleges](#)

According to a survey by New America, Americans appear to have a strong positive view of community colleges in regards to their importance to the workforce, value, and ability to prepare students for success. Get a deeper look at the survey results in this [Chronicle of Higher Education article](#), and this [CC Daily article](#).

[“Training for the App Economy”](#)

Community college students will learn coding and app design through a new Apple initiative. Learn about it in this [21st Century Center post](#).

MUST DO

Register for PASI

Get reenergized at the AACC [Presidents Academy Summer Institute \(PASI\)](#). This annual professional development program for CEOs and presidents of member community colleges focuses on issues of critical importance to success in the role of the community college president. Join AACC in New York City, July 22–25. This year's theme is "The Stories We Tell." Register now.

Last Chance to Register for AACC Leadership Training

Summer is a great time for you to send your staff to AACC's John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute \(Roueche-FLI\)](#) or [Future Presidents Institute \(FPI\)](#). Both will take place soon: June 25–28 in Washington, DC. Roueche-FLI is for mid-level administrators. FPI is perfect for senior leaders aspiring to the community college presidency.

Activate Your VFA Participation

The Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) is now a part of your membership. [Activate today](#) and become part of a community focused on using data for institutional improvement. VFA is the only national system and data tool with comprehensive measures of community college performance. It's easy to activate and lend your voice to the national discussion of student success in community colleges.

MUST KNOW

Statement on Trump Administration's Budget Proposal

As you know, President Trump released his FY 2018 budget proposal last week. It includes significant cuts to federal student aid programs as well as to programs that fund agencies that provide funding to college programs. You can read my statement on the budget proposal [here](#).



Where's Walter

On May 25, I was pleased to deliver the commencement address at Prince George's Community College (Largo, Maryland).

On June 1, I delivered a pre-recorded message to the attendees of the Florida Council of Presidents Meeting (St.



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Pictured: AACC President & CEO Walter Bumphus and Brookhaven College President Thom Chesney.

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