POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. FISCAL CLIFF LEGISLATION CONTAINS IMPORTANT WINS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS
The fiscal cliff legislation that has cleared Congress has a number of key tax provisions that are longstanding AACC priorities. AACC’s government relations team has compiled a summary of provisions that affect community colleges.
AACC Contact: David Baime

2. IRS ISSUES NEW RULING ON ADJUNCT FACULTY AND HEALTH-CARE LAW
This week, AACC released more information about how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act can affect your college, particularly in regard to adjunct faculty. Get the information you need on AACC’s Advocacy website. AACC Contact: David Baime

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

3. ANNOUNCING THE 2013 AACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE
The 2013 slate for the AACC Board of Directors can now be accessed. AACC will conduct the 2013 board of directors’ election electronically. Each member CEO will receive an e-mail around January 28 that will include nominee profiles to review. These profiles will be available on the AACC website as well. A second e-mail blast will take place on February 1 and will include the ballot, your username, and password. The username and password must be entered in order to open the ballot and vote. CEOs will have until February 28 to cast their votes. Once you cast your vote, you are not able to vote again. Please contact AACC’s member services associate no later than January 15 if you are not sure that the contact information that AACC has on file for you is up-to-date. Once the ballot is distributed, we are unable to alter any usernames and passwords, even if you have transferred to a new job at another member institution.
AACC Contact: Dr. Angel M. Royal

4. PAEC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—DEADLINE EXTENDED
The Presidents Academy Executive Committee is accepting nominations for executive committee members. Nominations must include the nominee’s name (with contact information), a brief bio—not to exceed one double-spaced typewritten page—and a photo (300 dpi). E-mail nominations by January 15, 2013.
AACC Contact: Jennifer Tinch
5. JOIN THE VFA NETWORK
AACC is seeking your college’s commitment to use the Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA). Register now to become a member of the VFA Network. The network will test the data tools to be released spring 2013. By signing up today, you will indicate your interest in beta testing the VFA Data Tool, have a forum to share your VFA experiences with colleagues, and ensure that you receive regular e-mail updates about the VFA.
AACC Contact: Bernadette Ferro

6. IS THERE A FUTURE DIPLOMAT AT YOUR COLLEGE?
The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program is a 6-week program designed to prepare undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. It includes for-credit courses at Howard University and opportunities to meet government and nongovernment representatives to discuss current global issues and explore international career opportunities. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and full-time students with a GPA of at least 3.2. The program pays for tuition, travel, room and board and provides a stipend of $3,500. Application deadline is February 8, 2013.
AACC Contact: Wayne Wheeler

GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

7. REDUCED DOCTORAL TUITION FOR AACC MEMBER INSTITUTIONS
The University of Maryland University College is providing a 25% corporate discount to AACC member college personnel who have an interest in enrolling in its Doctor of Management in Community College Policy and Administration program. Contact Chendra Jackson for more information. Please note that this program is not available to Maryland residents.
AACC Contact: Dr. Angel M. Royal

8. TRAINING FOR A NEW CAREER THAT GIVES BACK AT AGE 50+
Thanks to a community college, Valerie Skurka-Mountjoy became a classroom teacher assisting troubled youth after spending 25 years as a stay-at-home mom. Thousands of students age 50 and over are turning to community colleges to re-tool their careers and with a desire to work in fields that give back to their communities. Consider applying for a grant through AACC to participate in a proven program that will help 10,000 students age 50 and over complete degrees or certificates in education, social services, and health care. Grant funding applications are being accepted through February 15, 2013.
AACC Contact: Mary Sue Vickers

9. ADVANCE YOUR RESEARCH WITH THE JKCF DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP
The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (JKCF) assists high-achieving, low-income students, from middle school to graduate school, in reaching their full potential through education. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Dissertation Fellowship was created for doctoral candidates who are researching the population of students the foundation serves in order to advance the understanding of the factors and contexts that help low-income students to overcome challenging circumstances to excel academically. Four fellowships of up to $25,000 will be awarded. Deadline: February 4.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

10. “PARTNERSHIP WITH HIGH SCHOOLS CHIPS AWAY AT DROPOUT RATE”
Through collaboration with the New Bedford public school system, Bristol Community College launched
Middle College, which helps high school drop-outs or students at risk of dropping out. In the program, students take dual-enrollment college credit courses that apply toward a high school diploma as well as a college degree. The key to the initiative is a strong relationship between the college and the schools.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

11. JOBS CAN GROW ON A VINE
Walla Walla Community College's winemaking program was recently featured on "PBS Newshour." The program has not only gained national recognition, but has also been an asset in the economic vitality of the community and to the state.
AACC Contact: Tabitha Whissemore

RESOURCES

12. REINVENTING THE OPEN-DOOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE MODEL
Take a never-before-seen look at the open-door model, and learn how community colleges are responding to the new realities of their markets, in Reinventing the Open Door: Transformational Strategies for Community Colleges. Read a full description, preview the book, and order online or call 800-250-6557.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

13. COLLEGES MAKE COMPLETION PERSONAL
Make It Personal: How Pregnancy Planning and Prevention Help Students Complete College is a new report that addresses the impact that unplanned pregnancy can have on students' education goals. Through AACC's 2009–2012 Make It Personal: College Completion (MIPCC) project, several colleges tried new and innovative ways to address this issue on campus. This report highlights the college projects, feedback from the faculty who participated, the impact of the project on students, and tips for how others can replicate these efforts. The MIPCC project was supported by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.
AACC Contact: Gail Schwartz

EVENTS and SERVICES

14. AACC CONVENTION EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT EXPIRES MONDAY
AACC Contact: Tavia Cummings

15. ONLY A FEW SLOTS LEFT IN THE INAUGURAL AACC ROUECHE–FLI
February 17–22, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona, the Roueche–Future Leaders Institute (FLI) promises to be packed with useful information and activities, led by leaders in the field. Roueche–FLI is designed to allow you to put what you learn into practice. If you are interested in attending but have concerns about funding, consider applying for the Roueche Leadership Legacy Award or participating in the "bring a buddy" program. (These programs cannot be combined with one another or with the host college discount to ensure that savings to attend leadership programs may be realized by more participants.)
AACC Contact: Jennifer Tinch

16. HONORING FIRST-TIME, 25-YEAR, AND RETIRING CEOS
The Hail & Farewell Luncheon is AACC’s opportunity to wish a fond farewell to retiring CEOs as well as hail new and 25-year CEOs. Held on Sunday, April 21, during the AACC Annual Convention, Hail & Farewell is a celebration of leadership. Nominate yourself or another CEO online. March 1, 2013, is the
deadline to submit your completed packet to receive all of your information if you want to be recognized at the luncheon. Information on ad purchases to celebrate the honorees for the commemorate program booklet will be available soon.

AACC Contact: Dr. Angel M. Royal

17. IGNITE YOUR INNOVATION WITH NAPE
The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) will host its 2013 Professional Development Institute (PDI) April 15–18, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. The theme, “Igniting Innovation: Access, Equity, and Diversity,” will provide a view into the latest research and policy considerations related to equity, education, and careers. The deadline to submit a workshop proposal is January 14. Scholarship and support opportunities are available. The deadline for these opportunities is January 31.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

18. SPRING CONFERENCE PROMOTES STUDENT SUCCESS
Attend the National Council on Black American Affairs Northeast Region Spring Conference, March 14–15, 2013, in Baltimore, Maryland. This year’s theme is “Innovative Strategies for Sustainable Student Success.” The deadline to submit conference proposals is January 30.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian