Policy and Advocacy

1. OBAMA PROPOSES $8 BILLION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN FY 2013 BUDGET

The Obama administration’s ambitious FY 2013 budget request has many new program proposals to augment already-proposed investments in education and workforce training, job creation, and infrastructure. The budget incorporates and builds upon previous plans such as the American Jobs Act that were designed to enable community colleges to help more Americans secure employment. It also includes investments in community colleges, notably an $8 billion “Community College to Career” fund that builds on the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant Program to infuse more resources into job training programs at community colleges. Get more details on AACC’s website.

AACC Contact: Laurie Quarles

2. AACC, ACCT JOIN FORCES TO PREPARE FUTURE CEOS

AACC and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) announced a new collaboration that will focus on presidential leadership and community college governance. It will address trends that have the potential to erode community college leadership at a time when the country is calling on community colleges to address completion and student success, and to do more with fewer resources. The first step is the launch in fall 2012 of a new leadership training program for CEOs, “Surviving the First 120 Days in the Presidency.” Read the full statement about this collaboration to learn what else is planned.

AACC Contact: Angel M. Royal

3. YOUR VOTES ARE NEEDED FOR ELECTION OF NEW AACC BOARD MEMBERS

Ballots were mailed February 1, 2012. Completed ballots must be received by mail only in the AACC office by February 29, 2012; faxes or photocopies will not be accepted. If you haven’t done so already, mail your completed ballot to AACC Board Elections; One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 410; Washington, DC 20036. If you have questions or did not receive your ballot, contact Charisse Bazin Ash, 202-728-0200, ext. 280.

AACC Contact: Charisse Bazin Ash

Grants and Partnerships
4. MORE DOL GRANTS ANNOUNCED BY JANE OATES
Applications for the second round of grants under DOL’s Community College and Career Training Program should become available late this month, according to a webinar held this week by Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Jane Oates. As with the first competition, for which awards were announced in late September 2011, this cycle will provide $500 million to eligible institutions and consortia. The program was funded at $2 billion over 4 years in 2010, as part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act. Stay tuned for further details.
AACC Contact: Jim Hermes

5. CIVIC AND DEMOCRATIC LEARNING GRANTS AVAILABLE
The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and The Democracy Commitment: An American Community College Initiative have issued a call for proposals to community colleges to join a 3-year curriculum and faculty development project, Bridging Cultures to Form a Nation: Difference, Community, and Democratic Thinking. The project will explore the humanities as a powerful medium for prompting and sustaining dialogue around diversity and democracy in the 21st century. The 10 colleges selected for the consortium will serve as regional leadership hubs for this work. The submission deadline is March 15.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

6. PROMOTE LATINO STUDENT SUCCESS
Excelencia in Education is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Examples of Excelencia. This is the only national initiative to identify and promote programs and departments with significant evidence of improving educational achievement for Latino students in higher education. Selected programs will receive a financial award of $5,000, recognition at special events and in media and online communications, as well as inclusion in the 2012 edition of What Works for Latino Students in Higher Education and in the Growing What Works database. Nominations will be accepted online until 5:00 p.m. (ET) on April 16, 2012.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

Program Initiatives

7. ADVANCE THE HUMANITIES
The Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) is seeking applicants for a 2-year, multidisciplinary mentoring project, “Advancing the Humanities at Community Colleges,” funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Teams from 18 competitively selected colleges will develop and implement new or revised introductory humanities courses, modules, or programs on diverse cultural and civic themes. College teams and their mentors will work in literature, history, philosophy, religion, and civic engagement to incorporate new scholarship and texts that emphasize cultural understanding and building community into their curricula. Applications are due April 25, 2012. Contact David A. Berry for more information.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

News and Social Media
8. “GUNS ON CAMPUS REMAIN A GRAY AREA FOR MANY COLLEGES”
An increase in the number of states allowing permits for college students to carry concealed weapons on campus is a growing concern for community colleges. Read about how some colleges are handling it in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

Resources

9. BUILDING A CAREER IN AMERICA’S COMMUNITY COLLEGES
This new book from Community College Press will enlighten your staff about getting a foot in the door at a community college, dealing with students and colleagues, and successfully moving up through the ranks from faculty to administration. Order your copy today online or by calling 800-250-6557. Read a Q&A with the author in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

10. AACC FEATURES COMMUNITY COLLEGE–INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS
Community colleges are uniquely positioned to respond quickly to industry and workforce needs. AACC is launching a new Web page featuring community college–industry partnerships. This new page will feature the work done at 2-year colleges across the nation to train people for high-demand jobs in sectors such as aerospace, biotechnology, green jobs, and manufacturing. The page will be unveiled soon, so keep checking the AACC website.
AACC Contact: Tabitha Whissemore

11. FREE WEBINAR ON PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING A GREEN ECONOMY
In light of President Obama’s recent promotion of innovative community college and employer partnerships, on March 6, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. (ET), AACC’s SEED initiative will present “Community College and Employer Partnerships: Real Jobs in the Clean Economy.” Learn how a college and a number of Fortune 500 companies and small suppliers in the building automation and controls industry have come together to develop pathways and design curriculum for workers learning how to manipulate new energy efficient technology. Presenters are Brian Lovell, director, Green Technologies Academy, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, and Dave Weigel, chief engineer, Kele Corporation.
AACC Contact: Katya Nekrasova

12. VOLUNTARY FRAMEWORK OF ACCOUNTABILITY—BE INFORMED
AACC will host webinars on the Voluntary Framework of Accountability. Visit the updated VFA website to register for a webinar and to download new resources. All webinars will feature the same content, which is designed to provide college leaders and administrators with a fundamental understanding of the VFA and how it can be used as a tool by the college.
AACC Contact: Bernadette Farrelly

13. GUIDING IMMIGRANT PROFESSIONALS TO U.S. CAREERS
A new report by IMPRINT spotlights the work of Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE). Talent is Ready cites promising practices, including community college examples, on helping internationally trained immigrants establish U.S. careers and contribute their skills to our communities and our economy. IMPRINT is a national coalition of nonprofits active in skilled immigrant
integration. CCCIE is a founding member of IMPRINT.

AACC Contact: Wayne Wheeler

14. BRINGING STEM PROFESSIONALS TO K–12 SCHOOLS
The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) are organizing a series of free events designed to assist colleges submitting proposals to the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The program includes a day-long workshop on February 21, 2012, in Washington, DC, at AAAS headquarters. Register online for the workshop. The program seeks to encourage talented STEM majors and professionals to become K–12 mathematics and science teachers. The deadline for the optional letter of intent is February 27; full proposals are due March 26.

AACC Contact: Linda Pierre

Events and Services

15. INSPIRING BLACK MALE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED
Pulaski Technical College will host the third annual African-American Male Initiative Consortium Conference February 23–24, 2012, in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The registration fee is only $75 and includes all meals and events. For more information, contact Kareem Moody.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

16. AACC’S ANNUAL CONVENTION, APRIL 21–24, 2012, IN ORLANDO

- **You’ve seen them on TV** and heard them on the radio. Come to Florida to see them live—Mika Brzezinski, James Carville, and Mary Matalin! Register today.

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- **Small-session preconvention workshops pack a punch.** Collaborate and network with your colleagues in sessions including greening your campus, diversity, leadership, civic learning, completion, and more. Read full descriptions and register today.

AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier