AACC Letter

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Policy and Advocacy

1. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE HELP IS A CLICK AWAY
Compliance with federal regulations remains a daunting challenge for every institution, but this week, there is a new resource to help colleges. Spearheaded by the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), AACC and 20 other national associations have formed the Higher Education Compliance Alliance. The newly launched website will serve as a repository of news and resources from the participating associations as well as from government agencies. Information will be updated regularly.
AACC Contact: Laurie Quarles

Grants and Partnerships

2. SCHOLARSHIP TO EDUCATE EDUCATORS
Walden University is accepting applications for the $25,000 Terry O’Banion Leadership Scholarship for new students in select higher education programs. The scholarship rewards educators who are preparing students to be successful contributing members of the 21st century workforce. The application deadline is April 23, 2012, and candidates must enroll for the June 4 or June 25 start date.
AACC Contact: Tabitha Whissemore

3. 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

4. DOES YOUR COLLEGE PROMOTE IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION?
The E Pluribus Unum awards program provides prizes annually to exceptional initiatives that promote immigrant integration. In 2012, the program will award three $50,000 prizes and one Corporate
Leadership Award. The awards recognize outstanding immigrant integration initiatives of all types, including those led by community colleges. The deadline to apply is March 13.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

5. GRANT AWARDS AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROGRAMS

- The Disability Components Program will grant up to two awards for a total of $250,000 to organizations that provide support services, training, or placement to students with disabilities. Approximately 32 students will participate in the program. Deadline is March 9, 2012.
- The Professional Fellows Program will grant up to 20 awards for a total of $8.3 million to conduct a global exchange program focused on one of three themes—economic empowerment, media, and legislative process and governance—in Africa, East Asia, Europe, the Near East and North Africa, South Central Asia, and the Western Hemisphere. The program is designed to strengthen leadership capacity and professional skills for midlevel professionals. Deadline is March 27, 2012.
AACC Contact: Alice Blayne-Allard

6. THE WORLD IS YOUR CLASSROOM WITH Fulbright
The Fulbright Scholar Program for 2013–2014 is now open. More than 800 U.S. faculty and professionals participate in the program each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Deadline to apply is August 1, 2012.
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Program Initiatives

7. PUTTING EXTRAORDINARY PROFESSORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 U.S. Professors of the Year awards, sponsored by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The program is open to educators at 2– and 4-year institutions in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. National and state award winners will be honored in November. The deadline is April 16.
AACC Contact: Deanna D’Errico

8. HOST A GLOBAL UGRAD FELLOW
The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) is recruiting 2– and 4-year institutions to host Global UGRAD Fellows for the 2012–2013 academic year. The fellows are non–degree-seeking, full-time undergraduate students. Applications are online to host fellows in exchange programs from Eurasia and Central Asia, Kosovo, and Pakistan. IREX will provide J-1 visa support to the students along with accident and sickness coverage and round-trip travel. IREX will also share the costs of the fellow’s tuition and fees and room and board. Applications are due March 31. E-mail Maryam Jilliani with questions.
AACC Contact: Wayne Wheeler
News and Social Media

9. "COLLEGES TURN TO INDIVIDUAL DONORS FOR SUPPORT"
Successful fundraising depends on developing relationships with individuals and understanding the passions of potential donors, according to college officials. Read more online in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

10. "BUILDING BETTER ALUMNI RELATIONS"
Six building blocks for a better alumni giving program are outlined in the February/March digital Community College Journal. All staff on AACC member campuses and subscribers have free access with a simple login. Read, download, or print stories, and share articles with your colleagues electronically.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

Resources

11. BRINGING CIVILITY TO CAMPUS
Your students are better served when ethics, honesty, and integrity are practiced throughout the curriculum and the institution. Community College Press’s Campus Climate Set illustrates how to bring civility to your campus. Preview the books in this set and order today online or by calling 800-250-6557.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

12. 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 presents promising practices, including from community colleges, for helping internationally trained immigrants establish U.S. careers and contribute their skills to our communities and economy.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

Events and Services

13. JOIN THE DIALOGUE ON WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE
Don’t miss the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum 2012. This premier event hosts leaders in business, government, labor, workforce, and education and provides an unmatched opportunity to connect with your peers, learn from industry experts, and collectively work to shape national policy affecting the future of human capital development. The forum includes Workforce International Day, business and industry sessions, expanded workshops, learning labs, and a beautiful new venue in Washington, DC, March 10–13.
AACC Contact: James McKenney

14. NCWE ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS
The National Council for Workforce Education is now accepting proposals for the annual conference, "Riding the Waves of Change: Leading Strategies for a Diverse Economy." The conference will be held
in Long Beach, California, October 21–23, 2012. Conference strands include Basic Skills and Student Success; Grant Outcomes, Deliverables, and Sustainable Solutions; Emerging Technologies: Partnerships for Training a Resilient Workforce; Customized, Contract Training, and Revenue Generation; and Continuing and Community Education. Proposals are due April 16, 2012.

AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

15. WHAT ARE YOUR COLLEGE'S ADVISING NEEDS?
The National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions is gathering data from community colleges about advising needs. This information will be presented at the national conference in Baltimore, Maryland, June 20–24, 2012. NAAHP has posted its short survey online. NAAHP is an organization of academic and faculty advisors for students focused on health professions careers. Advisors and faculty interested in joining the organization or attending the conference can obtain additional information by contacting Michelle Klein.

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16. JOIN AACC AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION
AACC's can't-miss community college leadership event, the 92nd AACC Annual Convention, will be in Orlando, Florida, April 21–24, 2012.

- **Registration closes** on Friday, March 23, so don't delay—[register today](mailto:).
- **Spotlight sessions** bring the experts on leadership, campus violence, Pell grants, diversity, VFA, completion, and associate degree health professions to you. Check out the full descriptions.
- **New!** [Tour Valencia College-West Campus](mailto:), Tuesday, April 24. The tour is free, but registration is required.

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