Policy and Advocacy

1. YOUR BENEFITS ARE EXPIRING!
It’s time to renew your AACC membership to continue receiving important member-only benefits. Invoices were mailed recently. If you have not received yours, or if you have any questions, call Wayne Horton at 202-728-0200, ext. 236.
AACC Contact: Wayne Horton

2. LAST CALL TO CAPITOL HILL
The hotel room rate expires on October 20, so register today for AACC’s 2011 Washington Institute, November 6–8 in the nation’s capital. This is your chance to meet with high-level officials and key congressional staff.
AACC Contact: Laurie Quarles

3. AACC POLICY BRIEF EXAMINES COLLEGE COMPLETION
AACC’s latest policy brief, The Road Ahead: A Look at Trends in the Educational Attainment of Community College Students, presents data on educational attainment at community colleges, with an eye to what the data portend. One extremely positive conclusion can be reached: Educational attainment for all key populations is increasing at community colleges. The investments made in a community college education, by individuals and by society as a whole, are paying off.
AACC Contact: Christopher Mullin

Grants and Partnerships

4. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

- The Gates Millennium Scholars Program promotes academic excellence and provides an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential. Scholarships are awarded to 1,000 students each year to use at the college or university of their choice. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2012.

- APIASF scholarships of $2,500–$5,000 are available for Asian American and Pacific Islander students; over 500 scholarships were awarded last year. The deadline is January 13, 2012.
5. MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE
The Campus Compacts of Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and Wisconsin are offering MLK Day mini-grants to institutions of higher education who host programs for the January 16, 2012, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service. Contact Leslie Garvin for more information.

AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

6. MEGA-GRANTS AVAILABLE
The Annual Partnership Solicitation (APS): Partnerships in MCA Countries program will award grants of up to $2 million each to community colleges working in areas including vocational institution development, curriculum development and training, hospitality and tourism, entrepreneurship, green technologies, and health and nutrition. The program’s goal is to reduce poverty and spur sustainable economic activity, trade, and investment in Indonesia, Zambia, Cape Verde, Ghana, Lesotho, and Tanzania. Deadline is February 17, 2012.

AACC Contact: Wayne Wheeler

Program Initiatives

7. DOES YOUR COLLEGE NEED HELP GETTING AMERICA BACK TO WORK?
The Trades in Focus Community College Initiative has a free toolkit designed just for you. The toolkit contains a wealth of information to help you approach trade skill development on your campus, with messages targeted to the media, legislators, community leaders, students, parents, employers, businesses, returning veterans, and community college staff. Check out the Trades in Focus toolkit on AACC’s website.

AACC Contact: Carolina Zumáran-Jones

News and Social Media

8. "GOT A RESOURCE QUESTION? TEXT A LIBRARIAN"
Texting reference questions to librarians is becoming more popular on college campuses. Read how some community colleges are handling this trend in the Community College Times article.

AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

Resources

9. HOW TO MAKE THE BEST HIRES FOR YOUR COLLEGE
Turn your hiring practices on end with the entertaining and inspiring book, The Hiring Game: Reshaping Community College Practices. Preview the book and order your copy online or by calling 800-250-6557.

AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

10. BACK ISSUES OF THE JOURNAL FREE TO MEMBERS
Looking for back issues of the digital Community College Journal? Archives go back to December/January 2009. All AACC members 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

11. MINORITY STUDENTS LAG BEHIND THE COMPLETION AGENDA
A new report, *The Relevance of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the College Completion Agenda* released by the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE), explains why.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

**Events and Services**

12. GET RECOGNITION FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY STAFF
Nominate your staff by November 4, 2011, to receive an Instructional Technology Council (ITC) Award for Excellence. Award winners will receive complimentary registration to attend eLearning 2012 in Long Beach, California, February 18–21. Categories include outstanding eLearning program, online and blended course, eLearning faculty, student services, technical support and services, outstanding use of new technology and/or delivery system, and lifetime achievement.

AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

13. NETWORK WITH YOUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COLLEAGUES IN SUNNY MIAMI
Designed as a comprehensive program for community college-based workforce service providers, the Workforce Development Institute will educate, invigorate, and motivate those who are new to workforce development as well as seasoned practitioners. Take part in preconference workshops, exhibits, college tours, and more, January 25–28.

AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

14. CIVICS COURSE DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
In collaboration with Howard Community College (MD) and McGraw-Hill Higher Education, Street Law, Inc. has designed a law-based civics course for community colleges that is being piloted at several colleges this academic year. Learn more at the Street Law faculty development seminar in Chicago, October 27–28, 2011. Contact Lee Arbetman for more information.

AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

15. ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING THE SUCCESS OF MALE MINORITY STUDENTS
The 2011 Minority Male Mentoring Conference will be held October 30–November 1 in Durham, North Carolina. The goal of this annual conference is to explore ways to improve retention and graduation rates, employment opportunities, and family support for minority male students. For more information, contact Monty Hickman at 919-807-7105.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

16. ADVANCEMENT FOR MINORITY WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION
The Kaleidoscope Leadership Institute is a unique national leadership development program designed primarily for women of color in higher education. Kaleidoscope has helped thousands of women sharpen their leadership skills, facilitate their cross-cultural understanding, focus on their career goals, and develop their networking and personal skills. This year’s institute is November 30–December 4 in California. Workshops fill to capacity, so reserve space early. For more information, contact Kim
Naujokas.
AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier