Policy and Advocacy

1. AACC POLICY BRIEF EXAMINES THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFER
Transfer serves an indispensable role for students attending community colleges. AACC's latest policy brief, *Transfer: An Indispensable Part of the Community College Mission*, moves a core community college function more directly into the mainstream conversation by examining multiple facets of transfer, including its role as a pathway to the bachelor’s degree, the mobility of credits between institutions, and current and future challenges associated with transfer.
AACC Contact: Christopher M. Mullin

Program Initiatives

2. BUILD YOUR ESL WORKFORCE PROGRAM
AACC invites you to join the nation's leading education and English as a second language (ESL) experts to discuss the essential elements of an effective, high-value ESL and workforce training program. The free webinar, *Speak the Language: How to Drive Value Through Your College ESL Workforce Programs*, will take place November 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. (ET). Register online.
AACC Contact: Tabitha Whissemore

3. ACE HONORS THOSE WHO INSPIRE
Do you know someone who has overcome great odds to pursue a degree? Nominate him or her to become the American Council on Education’s (ACE) 2012 Adult Learner of the Year. ACE will honor the winner at its 95th Annual Meeting, “Leading Change,” to be held in Washington, DC, March 2–5, 2013. The winner will receive a $500 scholarship. Nomination deadline: December 7, 2012.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

Grants and Partnerships

4. FELLOWSHIPS FROM JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION
The [Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award](https://www.jackkentcooke.org/fellowship) supports advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. The foundation will award four fellowships of up to $25,000 to
support candidates in a variety of fields, including education and the social sciences. Deadline to apply: February 4, 2013.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

**News and Social Networking**

5. **PARTNERING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR**
In an essay in *TIME*, AACC President and CEO Dr. Walter G. Bumphus stresses the importance of community colleges partnering with the private sector. Bumphus states that "increased collaboration can help reduce income inequality, revive the middle class, and provide an economic engine for national recovery."
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

6. "**EMPLOYMENT SURGES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADS**"
*USA Today* reports that employment for Americans with an associate degree or some college has increased by 578,000 the past 6 months to 35.2 million. This seems to indicate that "some of the midskill jobs that disappeared in the recession are coming back and it may signal more lasting growth in such occupations," according to the article.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

7. "**PARTNERSHIPS KEY TO COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**"
Community colleges making a commitment to sustainability in partnership with business and industry were highlighted at a recent summit convened by the AACC’s SEED Center. Read more about the summit in *Community College Times*.
AACC Contact: Ellie Ashford

8. "**BEYOND CAPACITY**"
Read about community colleges striving to serve students while staying true to their founding mission, in the August/September issue of *Community College Journal*. All staff on AACC member campuses have free access to the digital magazine with a simple login. Read, download or print stories, and share articles with your colleagues electronically.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

**Resources**

9. **THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT EXPERIENCE**
*Fulfilling the Promise of the Community College* examines the first-year student experience as so rarely seen from the community college perspective and includes ways to increase the odds of the new-to-college students’ success. Read a full description and order online, or call 800-250-6557.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

10. **INTEGRATE SUSTAINABILITY ON YOUR CAMPUS**
AACC’s SEED Center released a new national framework to guide colleges in aligning sustainability
practices with green economic and workforce development programs. Detailed in the report, *The Community College Green Genome Framework: Integrating Sustainability and Clean Technology Workforce Development into the Institution’s DNA*, this framework was developed by a national advisory panel including the U.S. Department of Energy, industry, national associations, and more than 50 community colleges. The report includes dozens of best practices and profiles the five community college inaugural *Green Genome Award winners*.

**Events and Services**

**11. CHART A NEW COURSE FOR TOMORROW’S WORKFORCE**

AACC’s *20th Annual Workforce Development Institute* (WDI) guarantees an opportunity to explore the ways community colleges and their partners can educate and train students for the future while adding to the economic health of their communities. Join AACC in San Diego, California, January 31–February 2, 2013. Register now to take advantage of early-bird registration rates. Additional discounted rates are available to AACC member colleges.

AACC Contact: Katya Nekrasova

**12. WEBINAR FEATURES CASE STUDY IN REFORM AT THE STATE LEVEL**

Register for the upcoming AACC webinar, *Coordinating Bottom-Up and Top-Down Strategies for Reform*, October 25, 12:00–1:00 p.m. (ET). The speakers, Drs. Uri Treisman and Rey Garcia, will discuss how the New Mathways partnership was formed and how it is organized to work at all levels of the system from governance to the individual classroom. This webinar is free to all personnel at AACC member institutions.

AACC Contact: Dr. Angel M. Royal

**13. IT TAKES A VILLAGE**

Hillsborough Community College invites you to submit a proposal for the *7th Annual Black, Brown and College Bound Summit*, which will be held February 20–23, 2013, in Tampa, Florida. The theme, “Rebuilding the ‘Village’ for African American and Latino Males in Higher Education,” promises to focus on the recruitment, retention, and graduation of minority male community college students.

Submission deadline: October 30, 2013.

AACC Staff Contact: Kevin Christian

**14. NCIA RECOGNIZES LEADERS AND BEST PRACTICES**

The National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA) is hosting its 24th Annual *Exemplary Initiatives Competition and Instructional Leadership Awards*. Submit your college’s best practices or nominate an instructional administrator who is deserving of recognition by November 1, 2012. Winners will be announced during the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, April 8–12, 2013, in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

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