Policy and Advocacy

1. HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMPLETION AGENDA?

If your college has signed the "Completion Challenge Draft Template" AACC made available several weeks ago, please let us know. AACC is posting copies of signed resolutions on its website in a special section devoted to this effort. The college completion documents are an important complement to the national Call to Action: Democracy’s Colleges AACC co-signed with five other national organizations last April.

AACC Contact: Norma Kent

2. DREAM ACT NEEDED TO LET STATES DECIDE TUITION POLICIES

Congress's failure to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act has muddled the debates in many states over in-state tuition for undocumented students. The DREAM Act would repeal a provision of federal law that bars states from granting any residency-based higher education benefit to undocumented students unless that same benefit is offered to any U.S. citizen. Despite this federal provision, 10 states and other institutions have granted in-state tuition to undocumented students. They comply with federal law by granting the benefit on factors other than state residency. However, the federal provision hinders debate over in-state tuition in many other states and has provoked litigation (so far unsuccessful) challenging those state laws. The DREAM Act would, once and for all, return full authority over this issue to states and institutions, where it belongs.

For more information, see this document from the National Immigration Law Center.

AACC Contact: James Hermes

3. SOLICITATION FOR TAA GRANT PROGRAM NOW EXPECTED IN DECEMBER

AACC has learned that the solicitation for grant applications for the first round of the Community College and Career Training Program (CCCTP), originally expected in October, will now likely be issued sometime in December. CCCTP is the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act program for community colleges and other institutions that received $2 billion in funding in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act. The delay in no way indicates any difficulties with the program or threats to its funding, which is secure. Instead, the U.S. Department of Labor has decided to delay the release in an effort to secure some legislative improvements to the program, which AACC also supports, before moving forward with the first grant round. Congress is currently out of session and does not return to Washington until the week of Nov. 15.

AACC Contact: James Hermes
4. 2011 ITC AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN E-LEARNING
Nominations for these awards from the Instructional Technology Council are due Nov. 5, 2010. Nominees do not have to be members of ITC. Every faculty member who is nominated will be recognized as a Distinguished Educator. Winners will receive a complimentary registration to attend eLearning 2011 in Florida, Feb. 19–22, 2011.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

5. NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE ONLINE EDUCATION PILOT
OnlineCommunityColleges.org will increase access and opportunity for prospective online community college students nationwide. To learn more about this initiative and about how your college can apply to become a pilot institution, contact Mary Heiss. Applications are requested by Nov. 12, 2010.
AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

6. LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONSORTIA
"Promoting U.S. Institutions' International Dimensions through International Consortia" is a webinar hosted by the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), Dec. 8, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. ET. This AIEA webinar will review the benefits, challenges and processes for forming, operating and sustaining international education consortia and how to manage the interests of member institutions. Resources available from other organizations will also be discussed.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

7. HIGHER ED COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL
The Corporation for National and Community Service is now accepting applications for the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This competition celebrates institutions with best-practice service programs that use evaluation and assessment, develop collaborative community partnerships and address significant community needs. Institutions that make the Honor Roll are rewarded with enriched learning, stronger alumni and community ties, public awareness of community contributions and the ability to attract first-rate faculty and students. Applications are due Dec. 16, 2010. For more information, contact Kevin Days (202-606-6899).
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

8. EPA P3 GRANTS AVAILABLE
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now accepting applications for its annual P3 Awards: "A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet." College and university students are encouraged to propose research ideas and design solutions that address society’s sustainability issues. In the first phase of the competition, teams are awarded a $15,000 grant to develop their ideas. During the second phase, students will present the design at the National Sustainable Design Expo in April 2011 to compete for the P3 Award and a grant of $90,000 to turn their project into a real-world application. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 22, 2010.
AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

News and Social Networking
9. STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MULLS OVER ITS MISSION
A federal committee charged with recommending what measures would best gauge student success at community colleges used its first meeting to survey the landscape, according to an article in the Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matthew Dembicki

Grants and Partnerships

10. 2010 CTE EQUITY AWARDS
The Career and Technical Education Equity Council (CTEEC) is accepting nominations for the following awards for outstanding commitment to equity in career and technical education: Friends of CTEEC, Outstanding CTEEC Member, "Breaking Tradition" Achievement Award, "Breaking Tradition" Student Achievement Award, CTEEC Life Membership and the Myra P. Sadker Award. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 19, 2010. For forms or information, visit the CTEEC website, or contact Holly Blue.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

11. FULBRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS
Fulbright International Education Administrators (IEA) Program seminars are designed to introduce participants to the society, culture and higher education systems through campus visits, meetings with foreign colleagues and government officials, attendance at cultural events and briefings on education. Participants gain new perspective on the need to internationalize U.S. campuses and insight into how it can be done. For more information, visit the Fulbright IEA website. Deadline for Germany is Nov. 20, 2011.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

12. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH MEXICO
Apply for a Mexico Job Opportunities for Business Scale-Up grant by Nov. 29, 2010. Higher Education for Development (HED) anticipates making one award of up to $800,000 for four years to a U.S. higher education institution for a partnership with one or more higher education institutions in Mexico centered around workforce development and job creation.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

13. DOS GRANTS TO SUPPORT STUDY OF U.S. HISTORY
Your college can design the “Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders on U.S. History and Government.” The U.S. Department of State’s U.S. Study Institutes Grant will make one cooperative agreement award of up to $1,440,000 for the design and implementation of six study and leadership training institutes to provide a group of undergraduate students, who have little to no prior experience in the United States, with an introduction to U.S. history, government, society and culture. Accredited postsecondary institutions (including community colleges) and consortia are encouraged to apply by Dec. 3, 2010.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen
14. NEH COLLEGE CHALLENGE GRANTS
Apply for the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grants for Two-Year Colleges by Feb. 2, 2011. Ten awards of up to $500,000 will be given to community colleges to strengthen their long-term humanities programs and resources and to encourage the development of community college models of excellence that may be replicated at other institutions, especially those for the study of the world’s many cultures and civilizations.
AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

New Resources

15. AACC PUBLISHES STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE
The Plus 50 Initiative: Standards of Excellence identifies tested best practices developed by community colleges that participated in a 3-year program piloted across the country. “More plus 50 adults are turning to community colleges for help getting back on their feet or to prepare for new, in-demand careers,” said AACC President and CEO George R. Boggs. “But programs and services need to be tailored to the specific needs of this population to be truly effective, a need the new standards will help colleges address.” Those contributing to development of the standards included program staff participating as Plus 50 grantees, independent evaluators, and college and workforce experts.
AACC Contact: Mary Sue Vickers

16. WEBINAR: A PRIMER ON AACC’S NEW SEED CENTER
In October, 2010, AACC, with its partner, ecoAmerica, launched the SEED Center, a Web-based resource that serves as a leadership initiative, free clearinghouse and online sharing environment for community colleges to scale up training programs to educate the workforce to compete in the green economy. The center includes a host of promising practices as well as a curated catalog of curricular materials, industry certification reports and professional development opportunities in areas such as solar, green building, wind, energy efficiency and sustainability education. To learn how your college can take advantage of this resource, register now for the SEED Center webinar, which will take place Nov. 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.
AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

17. DOCUMENTARY FOCUSES ON ENCOURAGING BLACK MALE YOUTH
To generate a national converstaion on the plight of Black men, the Twenty-First Century Foundation (21CF) has partnered with actor-director Mario Van Peebles and producer Karen Williams to create Bring Your A Game, an award-winning documentary short film featuring prominent Black men providing insights and success strategies for Black male youth at risk for dropping out of school.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

18. NEW CCCIE WEBSITE
The Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE) has redesigned its website. CCCIE is raising the visibility of community colleges’ role in immigrant higher education on the national and state levels through strategic partnerships, awareness and outreach initiatives, and promising practices. Explore the CCCIE site to learn about innovative programs and services, connect
with experts in the field, discover resources to help you advance immigrant education on your campuses and in your communities, and sign up to receive newsletters and alerts by e-mail.

AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

Events and Services

19. PLAN TO ATTEND THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT OF 2011
Register online for AACC’s 91st Annual Convention, April 9–12, 2011, in New Orleans. You can’t afford to miss this opportunity to reconnect and network with your colleagues and pick up knowledge from professionals with expertise in education, business, industry and government. And by registering well before Jan. 14, 2011, you can save money and guarantee your accommodations.
AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

20. SAVE MONEY, REGISTER NOW FOR THE EARLY BIRD RATE
The annual Workforce Development Institute (WDI 2011), "Keeping America Working,” convenes Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2010, in Newport Beach, CA. Make your plans to come early for outstanding preconference sessions and a fireside chat, and stay through the extraordinary super general session and forums on Saturday. Register for WDI 2011 online now.
AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

21. REGIONAL SERVICE LEARNING WORKSHOPS
AACC will sponsor regional service learning workshops at four community colleges this year, focused on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service. The workshops will feature hands-on learning and strategies to implement service learning programs on campuses and in communities. Workshop dates and locations are as follows: Nov. 5, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Neb.; Jan. 12, Contra Costa College, San Pablo, Calif.; Jan. 21, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill.; and January 28, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, La. The four workshops are a feature of AACC's national project, Community Colleges Broadening Horizons through Service Learning, funded by Learn and Serve America and the Corporation for National and Community Service.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

22. DOS ENCOURAGES INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
Disseminate information about the U.S. Summit for Global Citizen Diplomacy, Nov. 16–19, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Organized by the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, the summit encourages the nation to double the number of volunteers of all ages that are involved in international activities and to broaden the reach and opportunities for engagement through the use of technology.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

23. PRESENT AT THE NASBITE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
The NASBITE International Conference, April 3–5, 2011, in Charleston, S.C., is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge and learn best practices from leading trade professionals and trade educators from around the world. NASBITE International is a professional organization for the global business community with members including global business educators and trainers at academic institutions; trade specialists at federal, state and local trade assistance organizations; and practitioners who
engage in or facilitate global business activity. The deadline for proposals is Nov. 30, 2010. Visit the NASBITE website for more information.

AACC Contact: Michael Allen

24. TPS ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR HAITIANS EXTENDED

The U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service has announced that the enrollment period for Haitian nationals seeking temporary protected status (TPS) has been extended for six additional months, through Jan. 18, 2011. For more information, visit the TPS enrollment website.

AACC Contact: Michael Allen