AACC Letter

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Policy and Advocacy

1. MONITORING THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE SANDY
AACC continues to monitor the effects of Hurricane Sandy on our community colleges. Read a message from President and CEO Dr. Walter G. Bumphus and find news and resources on AACC’s website.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

2. MOVING THE TRANSFER CONVERSATION MAINSTREAM
AACC’s latest policy brief, Transfer: An Indispensable Part of the Community College Mission, moves a core community college function more directly into 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

3. STRATEGIES FOR ESL STUDENT RETENTION AND COMPLETION
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

4. INTERNSHIPS FOR BLACK MALE COLLEGE STUDENTS
The Institute for Responsible Citizenship is seeking applications from Black male college students for its summer leadership program in Washington, DC. Students receive paid internships within their field of interest and participate in lectures, seminars, and roundtable discussions with influential leaders in the public and private sectors. The institute provides housing to its students on a college campus and encourages students of all majors to apply. Go online or contact John Saunders for more information.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

Grants and Partnerships
5. CLS PROGRAM OFFERS STUDENTS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE
The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program provides fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences in 13 critical foreign languages for U.S. citizen undergraduate students in all academic disciplines. Students should apply online by November 15, 2012.
AACC Contact: Wayne Wheeler

News and Social Networking

6. “USING SOCIAL MEDIA IN A CRISIS”
Colleges are learning that once they establish open lines of communication with students on social media, those avenues will be looked to for all types of information, including fast, transparent, two-way communication in a crisis. Read more in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

7. USING PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE EMPLOYABLE STUDENTS
Is U.S. manufacturing dead? National Science Foundation’s ATE program provides models on how education and industry can partner, making students highly employable. Read about it in the October/November issue of Community College Journal. All staff on AACC member campuses have free access to the digital magazine with a simple login.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

Resources

8. ONLINE INSTRUCTION MADE EASIER
Discover how to use Web-based instruction to motivate students and produce positive learning outcomes in A Fieldbook for Community College Online Instructors. This best-selling book is filled with teaching tips, Internet resources, and sample teaching material. Read a full description, preview book, and order online, or call 800-250-6557.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

9. WEBINAR FEATURES RESEARCH-BASED COLLABORATIVE LEARNING PRACTICES
Register for the upcoming AACC webinar, No More Chalk and Talk: Collaborative Learning in the Higher Educational Classroom, November 9, 2012, 12:00–1:30 p.m. (ET). Malinda Mansfield, director of student success, North Central Region, Ivy Tech Community College, will discuss how to implement research-based collaborative learning practices (including technology-based practices) within all disciplines of college. This webinar is free to all personnel at AACC member institutions.
AACC Contact: Jennifer Tinch

10. INFUSE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INTO YOUR INSTITUTION
Globally Competitive: Reclaiming the American Dream, a webinar series for community college presidents, will provide information on new and innovative, low- and no-cost ways to infuse international education into existing institutional structures. The first webinar, Internationalizing Your
College’s Strategic Plan, on November 16, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. (ET), focuses on the cornerstone of effective leadership. Learn how internationalizing your strategic plan can better serve your institution, its students, and surrounding communities. Also learn how to communicate in compelling economic terms the importance of internationalization. Presenter information is online.

AACC Contact: Alice Blayne-Allard

Events and Services

11. DON’T MISS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT OF THE YEAR
Join 2,000 of your colleagues at the 93rd Annual AACC Convention, April 20–23, 2013, in San Francisco, California. Convention registration is open, so don’t delay. Register by January 23 to receive a discount.

AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

12. EXPERIENCE A PARADIGM SHIFT

AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

13. ACE MEETING OFFERS STRATEGIES FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
The American Council on Education (ACE) Leadership Network for International Education will hold its meeting, “The Globally Engaged Institution: Washington Connections,” on December 10, 2012, in Washington, DC. The meeting is designed to help institutional leaders learn how to use the many resources centered in Washington, DC, as they develop strategies for global engagement. The program includes keynote speaker Nirupama Rao, ambassador of India to the United States, and sessions focused on federal funding opportunities, international competitiveness, and the latest research. Institutions must be represented by their president or chief academic officer. Contact Barbara Hill for registration information.

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