AACC Letter

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Policy and Advocacy

1. HAVE YOU TOLD PRESIDENT OBAMA YOU’RE ON BOARD WITH THE COMPLETION CHALLENGE?
Community colleges are stepping forward to accept President Obama's completion challenge. A number of AACC member institutions have signed the “Completion Challenge Draft Template” provided by AACC as a complement to the national Call to Action: Democracy’s Colleges signed last April. National organizations and institutions are committing to work to increase by 50 percent the number of students completing degrees or other credentials over the next decade. If your college has approved and signed such a commitment or resolution, please forward a copy to AACC. We will post those that we receive. If you need assistance with accessing or downloading documents, contact Tabitha Whissemore (202-728-0200, ext. 211).
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

Program Initiatives

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR ASPEN PRIZE
The Aspen Institute is looking for an executive director for its new Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The program will award an annual prize of $1 million to recognize outstanding workforce and academic improvements in community colleges, stimulate innovation and contribute to development of high-quality measures for assessing outcomes. The program was developed in partnership with leading national and private and corporate foundations, as well as the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor. Apply directly from The Aspen Institute’s career page.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

3. COMMUNITY COLLEGE OUTPERFORMS UNIVERSITIES IN BIOTECH RESEARCH
The number of Goldwater Scholarships won by Massachusetts Bay Community College students currently exceeds even that of highly regarded four-year institutions in the area, including Boston College, Boston University and Tufts University. Read the article in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matthew Dembicki

4. CALLING ALL "GREEN-FORWARD" COMMUNITY COLLEGES
The SEED Center is 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. To learn how your college can take advantage of this resource, don’t miss the upcoming SEED Center webinar, Nov. 18, 2010.
AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich
5. WILL YOUR COLLEGE MAKE THE PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL?
The 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll celebrates institutions with best-practice service programs that use evaluation and assessment, develop collaborative community partnerships and address significant community needs. Application deadline: Dec. 16, 2010. For more information, contact Kevin Days (202-606-6899).
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

6. A ONE-STOP RESOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS
Regularly updated information about programs, grants, partnerships, resources and events is always at your fingertips on AACC'S International Programs and Services Department website. Bookmark the AACC Newsletter for International Administrators, where you can check in to find out about all that's going on in your field.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

News and Social Networking

7. COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS AT YOUR DOORSTEP DAILY
Get daily deliveries of Community College Times articles and features of specific interest to you. It's so easy to sign up. Simply go to the Times homepage, and click on "sign up for email alerts" in the left-hand column.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

8. FROM THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
"71 Presidents Pledge to Improve Their Colleges' Teaching and Learning"
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

Grants and Partnerships

9. FUNDING FOR STD SCREENING PROGRAMS
The Academy for Educational Development (AED), with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is accepting proposals from colleges and community-based organizations to increase chlamydia screening among 15- to 25-year-old women. Funding is intended to support programs in defined communities, with the implementation and evaluation of strategic social marketing plans to promote chlamydia and other STD screening through locally tailored GYT: Get Yourself Tested efforts. AED's proposal guidelines are available online. Proposal deadline: Nov. 29, 2010. E-mail questions about AED's request for proposals.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

10. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GEOGRAPHY TRANSFER STUDENTS
The Association of American Geographers will award two $1,000 Darrel Hess Community College Geography Scholarships to community college students who transfer as geography majors to four-year colleges and universities. Deadline: Dec. 31, 2010.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian
11. GRANT DEADLINE REMINDERS


New Resources

12. **NOW AVAILABLE: AACC'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY**

AACC has produced a PDF document that illustrates how the issue of diversity, inclusion and equity is woven into the fabric of all that the association does.

AACC Contacts: Lynn Barnett and Kevin Christian

13. **ONLINE CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

The [National Council on Student Development](https://www.studentdevelopment.org) has produced a new online curriculum guide and seminar, [Making Smart Decisions to Improve Success in College and Life](https://www.studentdevelopment.org/make-smart-decisions). The seminar which can be taught as a one-credit course or integrated into existing first-year student seminars or orientation classes emphasizes making healthy decisions about sexual behavior and increasing college success for community college students. The curriculum was developed with support from [The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](https://www.thenationalcampaign.org).

AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

14. **HARNESSING THE POWER OF DIVERSITY IN THE BOARDROOM**

Is your board struggling to diversify? A [BoardSource webinar](https://boardsource.org) moves beyond political correctness for a meaningful discussion on establishing diversity goals by asking the uncomfortable questions head on, in an effort to understand the real value of integrating diversity and an inclusive environment into boards and organizations. Nov. 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. Sponsored by BoardSource.

AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

Events and Services

15. **IS FUNDRAISING A TOPIC THAT MAKES YOU BREAK OUT INTO A COLD SWEAT?**

[AACC's preconvention workshops](https://www.aaccnet.edu) are your remedy! Cost: $250 per workshop. [Register today.](https://www.aaccnet.edu/register)

AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

16. **HURRY: WDI EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS END SOON!**

Discount [registration for WDI 2011](https://www.aaccnet.edu/WDI2011) ends Nov. 22, 2010. Where else can you network with your community college workforce development peers? Conserve precious resources by registering now for the only professional development event designed specifically for you. The all-star line-up of presenters includes Jane Oates, Frank Chong, Anthony Carnevale, Steven Wing, Elliott Maisie and incoming AACC president and CEO Walter Bumphus.

AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

17. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET FOR THE PREMIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT OF THE YEAR?**

Register online for [AACC’s 91st Annual Convention](https://www.aaccnet.edu/91stAnnualConvention), April 9–12, 2011, in New Orleans. Why would you
miss this opportunity to reconnect or network with your colleagues?
AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

**18. RETAINING BLACK MALE STUDENTS**
The Baltimore City Community College’s "The Quest" program will host a panel discussion on "Recruiting, Educating and Retaining African American Males In Higher Education: The Transition from the Community College to the University," Nov 19, 2010. For more information, contact Jà Hon Vance (410-462-7745).
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian