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# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

Speaking before the House Education and Workforce Committee, Acting U.S. Education Secretary John King answered a range of questions from committee members on President Obama's 2017 budget request for federal education programs.

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## SEIZING THE MOMENT

A [new report](#) from AACC, ACCT, and Higher Ed for Higher Standards calls on community college presidents and trustees to embrace the higher standards many K-12 school systems have adopted and implement strategies to increase college readiness and success.



## POLICY and ADVOCACY

### 1. MORE TITLE IX RESOURCES AVAILABLE

After hearing from members about their desire for a centralized information source for key Title IX resources pertaining to sexual harassment and violence, AACC has added a [new page](#) to its advocacy materials containing this information. Here, AACC members can find links to the Title IX statute and its implementing regulations, as well as to the vitally important sub-regulatory guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education that details how Title IX applies to sexual harassment and violence. The page also contains information about proposed legislation in this area, particularly the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, including AACC's positions on that legislation. Other resources include the Obama administration's and other efforts to combat sexual violence on college campuses, as well as resources on Title IX compliance and sexual assault prevention provided by other organizations.

AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

## PROGRAM INITIATIVES

### 2. AACC CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

AACC honors the significant contributions and achievements that women have made in U.S. and world history. [Contact AACC](#) to tell us what your college is doing in March to celebrate [Women's History Month](#).

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

### 3. WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE ON YOUR CAMPUS?

Share photographs of your campus with AACC. Your photographs will be used on social media in the month of March to encourage registration for the 96th AACC Annual Convention. Your college will be tagged in the posts. [E-mail](#) no more than three 72 dpi photos. Please make sure your photos are less than 1mb each.

AACC Contact: [Tina Henry-Barrus](#)

## GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

### 4. AANAPISI GRANT COMPETITION

The Office of Postsecondary Education's Higher Education Programs division is now accepting applications for the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) [Grant Competition](#) through April 22, 2016.

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## NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

### 5. "MAKING A GREATER PROMISE"

Wisconsin's Gateway Technical College is launching the Gateway Promise Program, a new initiative to benefit local, low-income high school seniors, with funding from SC Johnson. Read about the program in [Community College Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [Matthew Dembicki](#)

### 6. "PHILOSOPHY FOR WELDERS"

Colleges are offering innovative humanities curricula for liberal arts and career track students alike. Read about it in the February/March [digital Community College Journal](#). All staff on AACC member campuses have

## EXECUTIVE COACHING

AACC is offering registrants for the 96th Annual Convention the opportunity to purchase a 1-hour session with an experienced association executive coach. [Learn more.](#)



free access to the digital magazine with a [simple login](#).  
AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

### 7. "GIVING VETERANS THE TOOLS THEY NEED"

In Nebraska, one college created a program to support former military members and ultimately shifted the college's culture. Read more at the [21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

## RESOURCES

### 8. 2016 FACT SHEET

Learn more about community colleges and the students they serve with the latest [Fact Sheet](#) from AACC.

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

### 9. WHY DON'T MORE STUDENTS COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

Students at community colleges often fail to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and thus miss out on receiving federal student assistance for which they would be otherwise eligible. An [AACC survey](#) provides some valuable insights as to why students may not be completing the process. Top reasons cited included: the students were unaware of grant eligibility, immigration-related issues, the FAFSA form is too complicated, parents were unwilling to provide information, and the verification process inhibits completion.

AACC Contact: [Kent Phillippe](#)

## EVENTS and SERVICES

### 10. THE NETWORKING EVENT OF THE YEAR IS COMING

The [AACC Annual Convention](#) will take place April 9–12, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois. Registration is open until April 4. [Featured speakers](#) this year include actress America Ferrera, Snap-on Incorporated CEO Nick Pinchuk, and leadership expert Patrick Lencioni.

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

### 11. NCCHC ANNOUNCES 2016 LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

The National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) announces its upcoming [Leadership Fellows Program](#) for Latino/Latina leaders in community colleges. The program will take place June 8–11, 2016, in San Diego, California. Deadline to apply: April 2.

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

### 12. NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE WALTER G. BUMPHUS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Nominations are being accepted for the National Council on Student Development's [Walter G. Bumphus Leadership Institute](#) in Houston, Texas, June 9–11, 2016. The institute is designed to nurture participants for career advancement in student development and will provide an exciting opportunity for participants to share ideas, engage in critical discourse, and learn from each other while preparing to meet the challenges facing student development professionals. Deadline to [submit nominations](#): March 30, 2016.

AACC Contact: [Tammy Reichelt](#)

### 13. 2016 AAWCC LEADERS INSTITUTE

The American Association of Women in Community Colleges' (AAWCC) [LEADERS Institute](#) will be held June 5–10, 2016, in Red Bank, New Jersey. It's a 5-day, content-intensive, experiential workshop based on a recently revised curriculum reflecting AACC's Core Competencies for Community College Leadership. The institute promotes the development of women's leadership skills and qualities at every level in community college administration and education.

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### 14. JOIN CRD FOR SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Council for Resource Development will be holding its [Summer Institute for Fundraising](#) in Charleston, South Carolina, June 22–24, 2016. This year's theme is "The Philanthropic Imperative: A 21st Century Challenge for Community Colleges."

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### 15. SAVE THE DATE FOR NCIA CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER WORKSHOP

The National Council of Instructional Administrators will host its 2016 [Chief Academic Officer Workshop](#) July 15–16, 2016, at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's workshop theme, "The Insight You Need to Navigate Upward," will provide panel discussion with current community college presidents and chief academic officers, personal coaching from The Pauly Group, and sessions focused on preparing to be a CAO.

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