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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

Community college CEOs who started their careers in a completely different, non-education field say that experience gives them a different, broader perspective on higher education leadership.

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DATAPPOINTS

Community college students persist and complete at a higher rate over 6 years than the typical 3-year window that the federal government uses to gauge student outcomes, according to data from AACC's [Voluntary Framework of Accountability](#).



AACC CONVENTION

The [2017 AACC Annual Convention](#) will be held April 22–25 in New Orleans,

POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. TELL CONGRESS TO REINSTATE YEAR-ROUND PELL GRANTS

Congress has adjourned for its summer recess, which provides an opportunity for community college leaders to meet with their representatives and advocate for key priorities. AACC urges its members to take advantage of this opportunity to press for reinstatement of year-round Pell Grants (YRP) in final FY 2017 appropriations legislation. Visit [AACC's website](#) for talking points.

AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

2. NOMINATE YOUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

AACC will soon be accepting nominations for the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Details are available [online](#). Awards will be presented April 22, 2017, at the [AACC Annual Convention](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Deadline: October 3, 2016.

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

3. DHS FUNDING TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Grant Program, with \$10 million in available funds. Non-governmental organizations, including institutions of higher education, will be eligible for DHS funding to promote community resilience against the threat of violent extremism. Funding will be awarded to community-based programs that draw from a range of local partners—educators, social service and mental health providers, faith leaders, and public safety officials. Information is available [online](#). Questions? [E-mail DHS](#).

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NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

4. "ENGAGING ADJUNCTS IN REFORM EFFORTS"

For educational and institutional reforms to succeed, faculty members need to be an integral part of planning, implementing, and refining any major change to how a college educates its students, according to this commentary piece in [Community College Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [Matthew Dembicki](#)

5. "FILLING THE NEED FOR HEALTH CARE INTERPRETERS"

A new Health Care Interpreter Certificate Program at Howard Community College addresses a growing need for interpreters. Read about it at the [21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

RESOURCES

6. REGISTER FOR WEBINAR ON COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

A free [interactive webinar](#), "How to Develop a Competency-Based Education (CBE) Program: Part II," will take place August 24, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. (ET). The webinar will provide an opportunity for AACC members to engage in the dialog on CBE. There will be discussion on the basics of CBE, sharing of multiple CBE models, and information on how to build the framework for a CBE program. The webinar is hosted by Excelsior.

Louisiana. The theme is "Community Colleges: America's North Star." Proposals and award submissions are now being accepted. Registration and housing will be available on November 1.



[Register online.](#)

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

EVENTS and SERVICES

7. SAVE THE DATE FOR WDI

AACC's [Workforce Development Institute 2017](#) (WDI) will take place January 25–28 in Newport Beach, California. Registration opens in August. In spirit of this year's theme, "Inspiring Innovation," attendees can expect preconference, plenary, and workshop sessions that aim to "inspire innovation" on community college campuses across the country.

AACC Contact: [John Dyer](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

8. SIGN CCCIE'S PRESIDENTS FOR NEW AMERICAN SUCCESS PLEDGE

The Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE) is launching a College Presidents Campaign to engage community college presidents in its work to accelerate the success of immigrant students and raise awareness of the critical role community colleges play in immigrant education and integration. Sign the [Presidents Pledge](#) to commit to advancing immigrant student success and helping the economy thrive. Complete and return pledge forms to [Teresita Wisell](#), CCCIE executive director.

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

9. FEEDBACK REQUESTED FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR CHALLENGE

The U.S. Department of Energy [SunShot Initiative](#) is developing a [Community Solar Challenge](#) that will award teams in dozens of communities over \$100,000, in cash prizes and technical assistance, to develop innovative community solar programs and projects to their communities. DOE has released a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) and is looking for feedback from stakeholders. [Send feedback to DOE](#) by August 2, 2016.

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

10. ACCELERATING LATINO STUDENT SUCCESS

Learn how your institution and community can improve Latino student success at the [2016 ALASS Workshop](#), September 22 in Washington, DC.

AACC Contact: [Jolanta \(J.J.\) Juskiewicz](#)

11. MINORITY-SERVING COLLEGES TO GATHER IN DC

The U.S. Department of Education will hold the second annual gathering of minority-serving community colleges, November 1–2, 2016, in Washington, DC. This year's focus will be on career and technical education at minority-serving community colleges. A call for presentation proposals and a registration site will be coming in September. Subscribe to the [OCTAE Connection newsletter](#) for updates.

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