



NEWSLETTER

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POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. ASK CONGRESS TO REINSTATE YEAR-ROUND PELL

Community college leaders are urged to contact their Congressional representatives and ask them to reinstate the year-round Pell Grants, using the program's current surplus. With a large surplus projected for the Pell Grant program for the next several years, we face a unique opportunity to expand the Pell Grant program to enable more low-income students to attend college year-round. AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

2. \$100 MILLION FOR AMERICA'S PROMISE GRANTS

On April 25, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden [announced](#) the administration's continued commitment to making community colleges tuition free through an investment of \$100 million for America's Promise Job-Driven Training grants. These competitive grants will be H-1B funded by the U.S. Department of Labor to create and expand innovative regional and sector partnerships and create more dynamic, tuition-free education and training programs for in-demand jobs across the country. AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

3. HAVE YOUR COLLEGE PROFILED ON AACC'S WEBSITE

Let us [spotlight](#) your college on our website! The Community College Spotlight offers member colleges an opportunity to have their institution featured on the home page of the AACC website. This is a free member benefit. AACC Contact: [Tina Henry-Barrus](#)

4. SEIZE THE MOMENT

Higher Ed *for* Higher Standards is looking for institutions that want to strengthen or deepen their partnerships with local high schools, with a focus on improving the preparation of incoming students to help drive down remediation rates. If you are interested in taking part in this work, [sign up](#). Questions? [Send an e-mail](#). Learn more about college readiness programs in the report [Seizing the Moment](#).

AACC Contact: [Tammy Reichelt](#)

GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

5. BUILD YOUR ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAPACITY

The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship has announced the 2016 [Regional Innovation Strategies](#) (RIS) program to help community colleges, universities, and other organizations build entrepreneurship and innovation capacity across their communities. A total of \$15 million in federal funding is available this round. EDA strongly encourages potential applicants to take part in a [post-launch webinar](#) on May 5 at 2:00 p.m. (ET). The webinar will include a detailed overview of the program and answers to your questions. AACC contact: [Jennifer Worth](#)

NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

6. “MY BROTHER’S KEEPER OPENS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHS”

The Obama administration's My Brother's Keeper initiative has led to a significant investment toward narrowing opportunity gaps for young men of color by tapping partners in business, communities and colleges, according to an annual report on the program. Get the details in [Community College Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [Matt Dembicki](#)

7. “LAYING THE GROUNDWORK”

With AACC's Pathways Project, have guided pathways come of age? Read about it in the April/May digital [Community College Journal](#). All staff at AACC member institutions have access to the digital *Journal* with a [simple log-in](#).

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

8. “MEETING NEEDS THROUGH MIDDLE COLLEGE”

Grand Rapids Community College has an industry partner with its latest Middle College program. Learn about the program at the [21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

RESOURCES

9. AACC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TOOLKIT

Want to incorporate international education into your college's curriculum? The [AACC International Education Toolkit](#) can help. It includes talking points to change minds and win advocates for globalization at community colleges, case studies, and a fact sheet that provides basic internationalization statistics about the U.S. community college sector.

AACC Contact: [Wayne Wheeler](#)

EVENTS and SERVICES

10. CALLING ALL FUTURE LEADERS!

The next AACC John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute](#) (Roueche-FLI) will take place June 27–30, 2016, in Washington, DC. Roueche-FLI is a leadership seminar designed for mid-level community college administrators who look to be leaders in their current positions or are ready to move into a higher level of leadership. The first 20 registrants will receive a free Dell tablet,

thanks to the generosity of Dell, Inc. and their support of the academic mission and strategic direction of community colleges.

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

11. HELP MAP INTERNATIONALIZATION

The [ACE Mapping Internationalization Survey](#) collects and analyzes data on the current state of internationalization at American colleges and universities every 5 years. Take part, or [e-mail ACE](#) to find out if your college has already completed the survey. Extended Deadline: May 17, 2016.

AACC Contact: [Wayne Wheeler](#)

12. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

The Institute of International Education announced that it is now accepting applications for the Western Union Foundation [Family Scholarship Program](#), which provides two members of an immigrant family, currently living in the United States, with a scholarship to support their education. Scholarships may be used for college tuition, language acquisition classes, technical training, and GED classes. Deadline to apply: May 25, 2016.

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

13. LEARN ABOUT INNOVATION IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The 2016 National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers [Summer Workshop](#) will take place June 8–10, 2016, in Kingsport, Tennessee. This year's theme is "Innovation in Workforce Development: Building the 21st-Century Talent Pipeline."

AACC contact: [Jennifer Worth](#)

14. ADVANCING SUCCESS FOR MEN OF COLOR

The Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3) invites you to their [2016 Working Group Meeting](#) June 9–10, 2016, in San Diego, California. The meeting will include discussions on institutional capacity building and the development of strategic plans that advance success for men of color in community colleges. AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

15. CCA CONFERENCE

The 2016 Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) [Annual Conference](#) will take place June 12–14, 2016, in Asheville, North Carolina. The theme is "Strategic Partnerships: Creating Success and Innovation."

AACC contact: [Jennifer Worth](#)

16. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The National Council on Student Development is calling for proposal for their 2016 [National Conference](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 16–18. This year's conference theme is "America's Community Colleges: Sharpening Our Focus." Deadline for submitting a proposal: July 1, 2016. Proposals should have student development/student affairs focus.

AACC Contact: [Tammy Reichelt](#)

17. A NEW DAY FOR LATINOS

The National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) will host its 2016 [Leadership Development Symposium](#) in Coast Mesa, California, September 22–24. The theme of this year’s conference is “A New Day for Latinos in Community Colleges.”

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