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NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

A Massachusetts community college is working with local law enforcement to help inmates gain work skills and prepare for a high school equivalency test.

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NEW CEO ACADEMY

Are you a new community college CEO? Check out AACC's [New CEO Academy](#), April 21–22, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOBS

Have you visited AACC's new and improved [job board](#)? The new job board has expanded search functionality and a great new look and feel. AACC member institutions can post jobs for just \$255 by using the coupon code:

POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. REGISTER FOR THE LATEST FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEBINAR

Join the AACC government relations team on December 13, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. (ET), for the [latest webinar](#). Learn what you need to know about how the election results will affect the policy landscape. Get information on the latest developments on issues such as year-round Pell Grants and federal funding, Higher Education Act and Perkins CTE Act reauthorizations, and more. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. [Register now](#).

AACC Contact: [Jim Hermes](#)

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

2. APPLY FOR NSF'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

AACC is partnering with the National Science Foundation on its third annual [Community College Innovation Challenge](#) (CCIC) competition. The CCIC asks community college students, working with a faculty mentor and an industry partner, to craft innovative STEM-based solutions for real-world problems in the categories of Maker-to-Manufacturer; Energy and the Environment; and Security Technologies. Ten community colleges will be selected as finalists and receive travel expenses to attend an Innovation Boot Camp in June. The Boot Camp provides hands-on learning opportunities—and features a reception on Capitol Hill, where the teams display their challenge projects and have the opportunity to engage with members of Congress, key Congressional staffers, and other STEM leaders. The top two teams receive cash prizes. Deadline to apply: February 15, 2017.

AACC Contact: [Ellen Hause](#)

NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

3. "MANY STUDENTS FACE FOOD, HOUSING INSECURITIES"

About a third of community college students in California experience housing insecurity, according to a new report by the Community College Equity Assessment Lab at San Diego State University. Twelve percent of California college students deal with food insecurity. Read about it in [Community College Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [Matthew Dembicki](#)

4. "IMPROVING FAFSA COMPLETION RATES"

Changes to the FAFSA form and increased outreach are some ways the Education Department is working to increase FAFSA completion rates. Learn more at the [AACC 21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

RESOURCES

5. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

According to AACC's [DataPoints](#), 28% of community colleges offered on-campus housing in 2015. [Get the details](#).

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