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POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

AACC and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) provided an overview of community college legislative priorities at the 2017 National Legislative Summit. You can download them [here](#).

AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

AACC STAFF

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

MEMBERSHIP

2. REGISTER NOW FOR AACC'S 97TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Meet us in New Orleans for [AACC's convention](#), April 22–25, 2017. Join us for professional development and networking opportunities. Hear from dynamic speakers and honor your peers at the [Hail & Farewell Luncheon](#) and the Awards of Excellence Gala. [Register today](#).

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

A vote of no confidence needn't be a kiss of death anymore for a college president, according to new research and feedback from seasoned community college leaders.

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REGISTER FOR PASI

The [AACC Presidents Academy Summer Institute \(PASI\)](#) is an annual professional development program for CEOs and presidents of member community colleges, providing intensive focus on current challenges, emerging trends, and opportunities unique to that position. PASI will be held July 22–25 in New York City.

3. BE RECOGNIZED AT HAIL & FAREWELL

The [Hail & Farewell Luncheon](#) is the association's opportunity to bid farewell to retiring CEOs and hail new and 25-year CEOs. Held during AACC's annual convention luncheon program on April 23, 2017, Hail & Farewell (H&F) is a celebration of leadership. The deadline for submitting your materials is Monday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Individuals that have registered for the New CEO Academy must still complete the H&F form to participate in the luncheon recognition. So, if you're a new CEO, you have been a CEO for 25 years, or you're retiring, let us know so that we can celebrate your milestone. [Submit your form today!](#)

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

4. SERVE ON AN AACC COMMISSION

If you want to get more involved on the national level, sign up to join one of nine commissions. CEOs, vice presidents/vice chancellors, associate/assistant vice presidents/vice chancellors, and provosts from AACC member colleges are eligible to apply. Appointments range from 1 to 3 years. Commissions meet twice a year, and have access to information on the latest trends and issues affecting community colleges. [Sign up today](#). The deadline for applying for a commission appointment is May 5.

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

5. 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](#)

6. AACC, ACCT COMMIT TO DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

AACC and ACCT issued a Joint Statement of Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Excellence in Student Success and Leadership Development. [Read it online](#).

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)



GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

VFA ACTIVATION

7. APPLY FOR MENTORLINKS

The [MentorLinks](#): Advancing Technological Education program, supported by the National Science Foundation, is designed to help colleges develop or strengthen technician training programs in STEM fields

The Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) is now a part of your membership.

Activate today! VFA is the only national system and data tool with comprehensive measures of community college performance. It's easy to **activate** and lend your voice to the national discussion of student success in community colleges.



through mentoring, professional development opportunities, and technical assistance; to establish connections for colleges to identify new ideas and relationships through networking opportunities at program meetings and Advanced Technological Education (ATE) National Conferences; and to help colleges gain insight about support for building and sustaining new programs. You can **apply now** to become a MentorLinks college or a mentor for the 2017-2019 cohort. Deadline to apply: April 28, 2017.

AACC Contact: [Ellen Hause](#)

NEWS and SOCIAL NETWORKING

8. "EDUCATION AS A GAME CHANGER"

Best-selling author and youth advocate Wes Moore will address college leaders at the 2017 AACC Convention next month in New Orleans. He briefly chatted with *CC Daily* about his key message points.

AACC Contact: [Matthew Dembicki](#)

9. "UNLOCKING FUNDING POTENTIAL"

How do you matching funding to the community college mission? Read the February/March digital *Community College Journal* to get the answer. AACC member institutions have access to the digital *Journal* with a **simple log-in**.

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

10. "HELP FOR OVERBURDENED IR OFFICES"

AACC's [Voluntary Framework of Accountability](#) can help institutional research offices deal with increasing demands for reporting and data. Learn more at the [21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

RESOURCES

11. AACC JOB BOARD

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: Members2016.

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

12. WEBINAR ON DENTAL THERAPY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The nation's oral health workforce is evolving to include dental therapists and requires programs to educate practitioners. Join [a webinar](#) March 29 at 2:00 p.m. (ET) to hear how community colleges with dental therapy education programs could prepare students to deliver care to underserved populations and communities. This webinar will highlight the recently released report *A Sample Dental Therapy Curriculum for Community Colleges*, including a review of the sample curriculum for a dental therapy associate degree program.

AACC Contact: [Mary Heiss](#)

EVENTS and SERVICES

13. ADVOCATES IN ACTION

Join AACC in Washington, DC, June 12–13, 2017, at AACC's Advocates in Action. The event is designed to enable community college leaders to gain access to key executive branch officials and senior Hill staff on the relevant committees and participate in discussions about critical issues and legislation. Registration and additional information will be available shortly for this event.

AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

14. HEADS UP! THERE'S A VIDEO COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS

Heads Up America—the College Promise Campaign's initiative to build public support for free community college—launched an Instagram-based video competition for students and alumni. The [#FreeCommunityCollegeStory](#) competition asks participants to share stories about why they want to break up with student debt and make community college free. The winning entry will earn a \$2,000 prize. Deadline to post videos: April 2, 2017.

AACC Contact: [Martha Parham](#)

15. MAKING REVERSE TRANSFER EASIER

The National Student Clearing House (NSC) [Reverse Transfer Service](#) enables course and grade data to be transferred from a 2- or 4-year institution to any 2-year institution in order to award associate degrees to eligible students. There is no charge to institutions to participate in the NSC Reverse Transfer Service. For more information, contact [Michelle Blackwell](#) at NSC.

AACC Contact: [Tammy Reichelt](#)

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