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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

Two presidents discuss getting their colleges through unexpected crises.

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PRESIDENTS ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE

The AACC Presidents Academy Summer Institute (PASI) will take place July 22–25 in New York. PASI is an annual professional development program for CEOs and presidents of member community colleges. [Register now.](#)



DATAPPOINTS

The attainment of postsecondary education in the U.S increased from 13% in 1950 to 59% in 2015. Get

POLICY and ADVOCACY

1. IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL FOR FAFSA REMAINS UNAVAILABLE

On March 30, the IRS and ED released a [joint statement](#) indicating that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) would likely remain “offline until the start of the next FAFSA season” for security reasons. The statement also explains how applicants can complete the FAFSA or applications for income-driven repayment. Last week, the House and Senate education committees sent [a letter](#) to Education Secretary DeVos requesting assistance for the millions of students and families that rely on the DRT. For more, see [CC Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [David Baime](#)

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

2. REGISTER NOW FOR THE AACC ANNUAL CONVENTION

There’s still time to [register](#) for the 97th Annual AACC Convention. Online registration ends soon, but onsite registration will be available in New Orleans. See you April 22–25.

AACC Contact: [Angel Royal](#)

3. AACC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The next AACC John E. Roueche [Future Leaders Institute](#), or Roueche-FLI, will take place June 25–28, 2017, in Washington, DC. It’s aimed at 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. [Funding is available](#) to help cover the cost of the institute. AACC’s [Future Presidents Institute](#) (FPI) is also taking place June 25–28. It’s designed for senior leaders aspiring to the community college presidency.

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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.

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GRANTS and PARTNERSHIPS

5. 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 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

more information in
[DataPoints](#).



6. "THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF A COLLEGE DEGREE"

Associate degrees consistently and significantly increase the earnings of workers—even during major economic downturns—but certificates are less consistent in boosting earnings, according to a Center for Analysis of Postsecondary Education and Employment paper. Get more details in [CC Daily](#).

AACC Contact: [Matthew Dembicki](#)

7. "ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL"

Cool wayfinding initiatives help Portland Community College lead the way in accessibility. Read about it at the [21st Century Center](#).

AACC Contact: [Tabitha Whissemore](#)

EVENTS and SERVICES

8. JOIN AACC ON CAPITOL HILL

AACC is launching a new forum in Washington, DC, June 12–13. Community college leaders will be gathering in the nation's capital to advance the community college federal agenda at a critical time. Join us for [Advocates in Action](#).

AACC Contact: [Laurie Quarles](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

9. 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. Sign the [Presidents Pledge](#) to commit to advancing immigrant student success.

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

10. IT'S NCIA COMPETITION SEASON

The National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA) has announced two national competitions. Recognize and celebrate the exceptional work of your chief academic officer: [nominate](#) her/him for the Chief Academic Officer of the Year or the Emerging Chief Academic Officer. Submissions also are being accepted for NCIA's [Exemplary Initiative](#) in Student Access, Persistence and Completion. Application deadline for both competitions is May 15, 2017. Winners will be recognized locally and nationally after July 1, 2017.

AACC Contact: [Tammy Reichelt](#)

11. THOMAS LAKIN INSTITUTE 2017

The National Council on Black American Affairs and its Presidents' Roundtable will host its annual Thomas Lakin Institute, October 15–20, 2017, in Baltimore, Maryland. The institute provides a personal and professional development experience for selected individuals who have demonstrated a potential for senior leadership roles - to include the presidency - within community colleges. For additional information and an application, contact [Kirk Nooks](#). Early application deadline is May 15.

AACC Contact: [Kevin Christian](#)

12. LGBTQ PRESIDENTS INSTITUTE 2017

The 3rd annual [LGBTQ Presidents Institute](#) will be held June 23–25, 2017, in Seattle, Washington. The institute is designed to support LGBTQ leaders who are looking to advance within higher education, as well as for faculty, staff, and students looking for an opportunity to learn about current issues in higher education affecting the LGBTQ community.

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