PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

AACC is a national partner in the innovative multiyear initiative, Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, which was created to help more community college students succeed and to close achievement gaps for low-income students and students of color. AACC’s role includes managing the initiative’s national database, and co-hosting the annual Strategy Institute.

LEADING CHANGE & INNOVATION

Individuals 50 years of age and older are deciding to stay in the workforce longer, and retirees are going back to work. The economic downturn has created uncertainty about whether their savings, reduced by the falling stock market, and declining home values, will be enough to carry them through. The AACC Plus 50 Initiative is increasing programs for plus-50 students to retool skills, providing workshops on setting new goals and successful interviewing skills and approaches.

FUELING THE ECONOMIC ENGINE

The Center for Workforce and Economic Development, established by AACC’s Office of Economic Development in 2008, brings together community colleges, offices of economic development, workforce boards, labor market entities, and other community organizations to improve the economic prosperity of business, workers, and communities. The Center provides technical assistance on collaborative practices, labor market analysis, and performance analysis.
**About AACC**

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is the primary advocacy organization for the nation’s community colleges, representing nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree–granting institutions and more than 11 million students. Founded in 1920, AACC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association. AACC is governed by a 32-member board of directors, elected for 3-year staggered terms. Twenty-six members are elected by the CEOs of AACC member institutions. The remaining six members are elected by the board and include three at-large members and three public members representing constituencies such as boards of trustees, business, and government.

**AACC Leadership**

President and CEO: George R. Boggs

2008–2009 Board Chair: Keith L. Miller
President, Greenville Technical College

2008–2009 Chair-Elect: Mary F. T. Spilde
President, Lane Community College

**AACC Strategic Action Areas:**

- Recognition and advocacy for community colleges
- Student access, learning, and success
- Community college leadership development
- Economic and workforce development
- Global and intercultural education

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**How AACC Advances Community Colleges**

**Web Site**

Redesigned in 2008, AACC’s Web site is the premier portal to up-to-date news and information about AACC and the nation’s community colleges. A quick link on the home page will take you on a tour of the site and all its features.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu)

**Publications**

AACC’s signature publishing venues include

- **AACC Letter.** Biweekly electronic newsletter.
- **Community College Journal.** Bimonthly magazine.
- **Community College Press.** Books and monographs.
- **Community College Times.** Biweekly newspaper.
- Community College Times Online. Expanded version of the Times, updated daily.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/Publications](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Publications)

**Research and Statistics**

AACC’s research staff are dedicated to gathering, monitoring, and analyzing higher education trends and statistics, and AACC’s Web site is the repository for much of this information, including

- The Community College Finder: an interactive map of community colleges that links to detailed statistics
- CC STATS: a section of the Web site linking to a wide range of information on community colleges, students, faculty, and staff.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/AboutCC](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/AboutCC)

**Advancement and Professional Development Forums**

The following are AACC’s premier annual forums—just a sample of the professional development opportunities, meetings, and conferences.

- Annual Convention
- Future Leaders Institutes (basic and advanced)
- Presidents Academy: New CEO Institute and Summer Institute
- Workforce Development Institute

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Advocacy and Global Outreach

AACC monitors national policy, advocates for beneficial legislation, and informs its members about actions taken by Congress and key federal agencies. The association raises the visibility of community colleges via ongoing outreach to national news media. In an increasingly global economy, AACC’s international office promotes community colleges around the world.

Go to www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy
Go to www.aacc.nche.edu/International

Programs and Initiatives

AACC supports its members through a range of policy initiatives and innovative programs, such as

- Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count
- Advanced Technological Education
- Center for Workforce and Economic Development
- Health Professions
- International Programs & Services
- Leading Forward
- Pathways to Technology
- Plus 50 Initiative
- Project Reach: Service Inclusion for Community College Students
- Rural Community College Initiative
- Service Learning

Go to www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources

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Members: 1,100 institutional members
350 associate members
29 corporate program participants

Personnel: 60 full- and part-time employees

2009 Operating Budget: 16.6 million

AACC 2009 Budget

Revenue
Grants & Contracts — 45%
Membership — 37%
Publications — 8%
Investment Income — 2%
Seminars & Workshops — 3%
Convention (net) — 2%
International Services — 2%
Other Revenue — 1%

Expenditures
Grants & Contracts — 46%
Publications — 10%
AACC Program Services — 9%
Board, CEO & Council Relations — 8%
General & Administrative — 7%
Web & Technical Services — 5%
Government & Community Relations — 4%
Membership & Research — 4%
Communications & Public Relations — 3%
Seminars & Workshops — 3%
Fundraising — 1%
Number and Type of Colleges

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Demographics

- Average age: 29
- 21 or younger: 47%
- 22–39: 40%
- 40 or older: 13%
- Women: 58%
- Men: 42%
- Minorities: 36%
- Black: 13%
- Hispanic: 16%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 7%
- Native American: 1%
- First generation to attend college: 39%
- Single parents: 17%
- Non-U.S. citizens: 8%

Community college students constitute the following percentages of undergraduates:

- All U.S. undergraduates: 44%
- First-time freshmen: 40%
- Native American: 52%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 45%
- Black: 43%
- Hispanic: 52%

Employment Status

- Full-time students employed full time: 27%
- Full-time students employed part time: 50%
- Part-time students employed full time: 50%
- Part-time students employed part time: 33%

Percentage of Students Receiving Financial Aid

- Any aid: 47%
- Federal grants: 23%
- Federal loans: 11%
- State aid: 12%

Percentage of Federal Aid Received by Community Colleges

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Average Annual Tuition and Fees

- Community colleges (public): $2,402
- 4-year colleges (public): $6,585

Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually

- Associate degrees: 612,915
- Certificates: 328,268
- Bachelor’s degrees—awarded by 31 public and 52 independent colleges

Revenue Sources (Public Colleges)

- State funds: 38%
- Tuition and fees: 17%
- Local funds: 21%
- Federal funds: 15%
- Other: 9%

On-Campus Housing

Available at 258 public and 63 independent colleges

Fact:

59% of new nurses and the majority of other new health-care workers are educated at community colleges.

Fact:

Close to 100,000 international students attend community colleges—about 39% of all international students in the United States.