

From the Desk of ACCT is a periodical update for the members of ACCT. This newsletter is designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at your Association.

Dr. Arthur C. Anthonisen, Chair

J. Noah Brown, President & CEO

## EVENTS



### 40th Annual Community College Leadership Congress

San Francisco, California • October 7-10, 2009 • San Francisco Hilton

#### Register Online Today!

The 2009 ACCT Leadership Congress will be held October 7 – 10 at the San Francisco Hilton in beautiful San Francisco, California—the gateway to the Far East. The theme of this year's Congress is Achieving Success in a Global Economy: Navigating the Educational Landscape during Turbulent Times.

ACCT is planning an outstanding program that will equip and empower community college trustees, presidents, and other leaders and advocates to weather the financial storm and ensure the immediate and long-term success of community colleges.



To register for the 2009 Congress, go to [www.acct.org/events/annualcongress/09/forms.php](http://www.acct.org/events/annualcongress/09/forms.php). If you need help navigating the Web site, or if you have any questions about the Congress, do not hesitate to contact ACCT at [congress@acct.org](mailto:congress@acct.org) or by calling us toll free at 1-866-895-ACCT (2228).

Please let us know if you are unable to register online. We will be happy to e-mail, mail or fax Congress information and registration forms. Just e-mail [congress@acct.org](mailto:congress@acct.org) and ask!



### Why is it critical that you attend the 40th Annual ACCT Community College Leadership Congress? And how will your college benefit from your participation?

The 40th Annual ACCT Community College Leadership Congress is an important platform for networking, continuing education, and promotion that should not be missed by any community college trustee, president or other advocate interested in weathering the financial storm and coming out ahead.

#### 7 Reasons to Attend the San Francisco Congress

1. **Address the Economic Downturn**—Learn new ways to cope with the economic downturn.
2. **Interact with Major Foundations That Invest in Community Colleges**—Connect and establish relationships with leaders of major national foundations and philanthropies in attendance, and learn about their interests and priorities in supporting community colleges.
3. **Meet Government Officials and Lawmakers**—The ACCT Congress is regularly attended by high-ranking officials from the Department of Education and other influential government officials.
4. **Interact with Corporate Leaders**—Interact with members of ACCT's Corporate Council and other corporate leaders who have a vested interest in community colleges.
5. **Get Up-to-Date Information on the Stimulus Plan and Federal Priorities and Learn How They Can Benefit Your College and Community**—Knowledgeable public policy experts will be at your disposal to guide you through federal funding processes.

6. **Promote and Gain National Exposure for Your College**—Promote your college's programs and activities.

7. **Be Proactive in Helping Your Communities**—Be proactive in your communities by attending the only national meeting that focuses on giving community college trustees the information and tools you need to assure success.



## WELCOME TO NEW ACCT MEMBERS!

ACCT is pleased to welcome the following new colleges to our membership.

- Garrett College, Md.
- Owensboro Community & Technical College, Ky.
- Peninsula College, Wash.
- Southside Virginia Community College
- Southwest Mississippi Community College
- Victoria College, Texas

ACCT is also happy to announce that Barnes & Noble College Booksellers has re-joined the ACCT Corporate Council.

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## ADVOCACY UPDATES

### New ACCT Blog

#### “Insider” News from the Beltway

<http://communitycollegebeltwaynews.blogspot.com/>



ACCT is excited to announce the launch of Community College News from Inside the Beltway, a new blog forum to highlight developments in Washington focused around legislative activity.

ACCT’s highly successful Latest Action in Washington (LAW) e-mails and Web page, which offer immediate, concise updates on legislative activity important to community colleges will continue. ACCT created the new blog to highlight legislative and other action and news important to community colleges including, but not limited to, LAW updates. (To sign up for LAW E-Alerts, e-mail [publicpolicy@acct.org](mailto:publicpolicy@acct.org) with LAW in the subject line.)

We will use the new blog as a platform to report brief summaries of meetings attended on Capitol Hill and elsewhere, and other similar information. Readers can choose to receive daily post summaries automatically by e-mail, share posts with others, and comment on all posts.

It’s simple— Visit the blog and subscribe by entering your e-mail address in the yellow box to the right of the page.

We welcome and look forward to your comments on the blog, and we hope that you will use it to stay up to date.

Go to <http://communitycollegebeltwaynews.blogspot.com/> and bookmark Inside the Beltway today!



### Congressional Community College Caucuses

The purpose of the CCC is to raise awareness within the Senate and House of Representatives about the unique role of community colleges in the American educational system. At present 34 Senators and 200 U.S. Representatives serve on the Caucus.

The current Senate and House of Representatives Community College Caucuses are available on the ACCT Web site at [www.acct.org/advocacy/community-college-caucus.php](http://www.acct.org/advocacy/community-college-caucus.php).

Please visit this page regularly and encourage your Members of Congress to join the appropriate Caucus if they do not already belong.



## ANNOUNCING TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM ACCT!

### Updated “Essentials of Good Board/CEO Relations” Monograph Just Published

ACCT’s popular monograph, *The Essentials of Good Board/CEO Relations*, has just been updated and expanded as part of our new publications series. This publication delineates the basics of how boards can best work with their colleges’ chief executive officers, with a focus on ethics, communications, responsibilities, evaluations, encouragement, and the board process. This second edition features a thoughtful afterword on commitment and a “Six Essentials Inventory” instrument that boards can use to determine their board’s commitment to the essentials. This monograph is available for \$16 for ACCT members and \$20 for non-members.

### New Advocacy Monograph

*The Trustee’s Role in Effective Advocacy: Engaging in Citizen Action to Advance Educational Opportunities in Your Community*, the second in a series of new publications, will be available this summer. We encourage all trustees who have felt the effects of the current economic downturn to use the book in conjunction with the recently published monograph, *The Trustee’s Role in Fundraising*, to bolster the support for your college.

Please visit [www.acct.org/resources/publications/bookstore.php](http://www.acct.org/resources/publications/bookstore.php) for an order form.



## ACCT PRESIDENT GIVES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On May 21, ACCT President J. Noah Brown spoke to graduates of Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) in Cape May, New Jersey. Brown encouraged graduates to “be prepared to learn everything you can, find your passion in life, know what makes you happy, and be entrepreneurial in your outlook.”

Optimism was a clear theme at the graduation ceremony. Student Government Association President Benjamin Dailey, 26, an Iraq war veteran who earned an A.S. in general studies with high honors, told the graduates: “The only way to be happy and feel truly successful is by doing the things that make you proud.”

“Passion,” Brown said, “is a key ingredient for success and achievement.” He encouraged graduates to move ahead in their lives with confidence, to “be an agent for change,” and to be lifelong advocates of community colleges, suggesting that the graduates “help others understand community colleges put wings on dreams.” Brown was presented with an honorary associate degree from ACCC during a special ceremony.

## BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES

### Chief Executive Officer Searches in Progress

- Broome Community College, N.Y.
- Cumberland County College, N.J.
- Coast Community College District, Calif.
- Houston Community College System, Texas
- Orange Coast College, Calif.
- Yuba College - Yuba Community College District, Calif.

### Congratulations to the following on successful chief executive officer appointments!

- College of the Mainland, Texas: Michael Elam, Ed.D.
- Cochise College, Ariz.: J.D. Rottweiler, Ph.D.
- Bossier Parish Community College, La.: Jim Henderson
- LSC-Tomball College, Texas: Susan Karr, Ph.D.
- North Country Community College, N.Y.: Carol Brown, Ph.D.
- Solano Community College District, Calif.: Jowel Laguerre, Ph. D.
- Muskegon Community College, Mich.: Dale Nesbary, Ph.D.

For more information: [www.acct.org/services](http://www.acct.org/services).



## EXPANDING ACCT GLOBALLY



ACCT Chair Dr. Arthur C. Anthonisen eloquently discussed the interconnectedness of today's education systems, economies and cultures at last fall's ACCT Community College Leadership Congress in New York, just as the United States was beginning to feel the effects of the global economic crisis. That theme will be carried out not only

at this October's ACCT Congress, but also in ACCT's programs and services as we move into an increasingly interconnected future.

### ACCT Global Task Force Update

Dr. Anthonisen called for the creation of an ACCT Task Force on Global Priorities & Partnerships ("ACCT Global Task Force") as part of his theme and focus. The purpose of the Task Force is to review ACCT partnerships and activities relating to global exchange and understanding for the purposes of developing recommendations for the ACCT Board of Directors regarding the creation of a framework and guidelines for:

1. Assessing and evaluating future opportunities for partnerships and activities relating to fostering global understanding and exchange of community college governance; and
2. Determining relevance of such partnerships and activities to ACCT's mission to support through education and advocacy the mission of community college governing boards.

The ACCT Global Task Force held its first meeting on April 6. Task Force members were able to focus quickly on key issues and possible areas in which the Association might focus consistent with its mission and partnership. The Task Force will conduct a Web-based survey on the number and type of global programs offered by community colleges. Ph.D. candidates will lend assistance in collecting and analyzing data relative to community college programs in order to increase the knowledge and understanding of the breadth of programs and services offered by community colleges. The Task Force will convene again on June 25, prior to the ACCT Summer Board Retreat & Meeting.

### ACCT Task Force Members

**Mr. Thomas M. Bennett**, Global Task Force Chair  
ACCT Chair-Elect; Parkland College, Ill.

**Dr. Arthur Anthonisen**  
ACCT Chair; Orange County Community College, N.Y.

**Mr. J. Noah Brown**, *Ex Officio*  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of Community College Trustees, D.C.

**Dr. Richard Carpenter**  
Chancellor, Lone Star College System, Texas

**Dr. Allan E. Goodman**  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Institute of International Education, N.Y.

**Dr. Madeleine F. Green**  
Vice President, International Initiatives, American Council on Education, D.C.

**Ms. Judy Irwin**  
Director - International Programs & Services, American Association of Community Colleges, D.C.

**Ms. Marlene M. Johnson**  
Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA - Association of International Educators, D.C.

### ACCT President Invited to Speak at International Symposium in Jordan



ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown was invited to speak at the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) Community and Technical College Education Symposium, June 16-17 in Amman, Jordan. This two-day conference provided education leaders, private sector representatives, and government officials the opportunity to exchange ideas about global economic trends impacting postsecondary education, share information about the U.S. community college and vocational education system, and highlight educational innovations taking place in the region.

Ministers of Higher Education from across the BMENA were invited to send a delegation of five individuals representing the Ministry, academic community, and private sector to participate in the conference. There were also a number of NGO and private sector representatives from the region and the U.S. in attendance. With such a cross section, the Symposium's goal was to enhance collaboration between policy-makers, the private sector, and academic community to help extend quality educational opportunities and better strengthen economies and meet workforce needs.

Visit BMENA's Web site for more information: [bmena.state.gov](http://bmena.state.gov).

### ACCT President Joins International Peers on Panel



On June 10, President Brown spoke on a panel of international higher education leaders for the New Zealand Institute of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs) "Skilling NZ's Recovery" conference. Brown spoke about the unique role of community and technical colleges in economic recovery and long-term sustainability. His co-panelists included community and technical college leaders from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, the Association of Colleges (United Kingdom), and TAFE Directors Australia, all of whom were broadcast to the New Zealand conference from their home countries.

## 2010 TRUST FUND BOARD GRANT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant was created in 2007 for the purpose of funding a project that focuses on programs and/or activities of national interest to ACCT member boards and individual trustees.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2010 Trust Fund Board Grant award year is December 4, 2009. You are encouraged to apply before the deadline. The ACCT Trust Fund Board will recommend to the ACCT Board one or more annual grants totaling up to \$10,000 for the 2010 fiscal year.

Visit [www.acct.org/resources/trust/](http://www.acct.org/resources/trust/) for a detailed request for proposals, as well as information on the 2008 and 2009 ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant awardees.



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## ACCT BOARD AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE REMINDERS

### Nominations for Director-at-Large

Deadline for Receipt July 1, 2009

You are encouraged to submit your nomination via e-mail to [nominations@acct.org](mailto:nominations@acct.org).

Director-at-Large Nomination Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until **July 1, 2009**.

Each member of the ACCT Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as *Governing and advisory boards of accredited community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions*. According to the ACCT *Bylaws*, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in San Francisco during the 2009 Annual Community College Leadership Congress, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run. **Your notification must be received with a postmark date of July 1, 2009, or by e-mail (preferred method) by close of business on July 1, 2009.** The President will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT Membership in September.

You are encouraged to submit your nomination online. Please e-mail: [nominations@acct.org](mailto:nominations@acct.org). ACCT will respond to your submission via return e-mail within three working days. Please contact Tonya Harley, Executive Coordinator, at [tharley@acct.org](mailto:tharley@acct.org), if you do NOT receive a response within three working days. Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (**return receipt requested**). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1233 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Please visit [www.acct.org/governance/directors/director-at-large-openings-for.php](http://www.acct.org/governance/directors/director-at-large-openings-for.php) for additional information.



## OPENINGS ON THE ACCT DIVERSITY COMMITTEE FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION

Currently, there is a vacancy for a two-year term and a partial one-year term in the Southern Region (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, VA, WV, Bermuda, Virgin Islands) on the ACCT Diversity Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for both seats during the

San Francisco Congress Southern Regional Caucus and Meeting on October 8.

If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Tonya Harley, Executive Coordinator, via email at [tharley@acct.org](mailto:tharley@acct.org) or by phone toll free at (866) 895-ACCT (2228).