

Dear Community College Leaders:

The 2009 Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) comes at a critical time as the country welcomes a new President. As Congress and the Administration work to meet the needs of our colleges, your advocacy and support are vital elements to advancing and fulfilling the goals of the community college movement. We encourage you to join us at the 2009 NLS, February 9–11, to continue to support your students and institutions. The NLS remains the annual center of community college advocacy in Washington, D.C.

The 2009 NLS is an important opportunity for leaders of the community college movement to make an early impression on the new Administration. The Summit coincides with the Administration's first budget submission, so the timing is ideal for community college advocates to communicate our priorities to legislators.

As always, the NLS provides you with the latest information and tools to advocate effectively with Members of Congress and the Administration. Key workforce, immigration, tax, health, education and other issues will likely be considered during the 111th Congress. ACCT and AACC also continue to develop the Congressional Community College Caucuses, not only by increasing the numbers of members, but also by working more closely with the Caucuses to increase legislative activity on behalf of community colleges.

Bob Schieffer, host of Face the Nation, is not to be missed as the 2009 NLS keynote speaker. Schieffer is the most experienced Washington journalist working today. Mr. Schieffer will offer perspectives on the 2008 election and its implications to provide NLS participants with a greater context for our advocacy work. He will also give tips on how to engage Congress and the Administration more effectively.

The NLS will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park, located in Washington, D.C. only a few miles from the historic National Cathedral, the National Zoo, Smithsonian museums and galleries, fine dining and shopping in Georgetown and, of course, Capitol Hill, the center of all national legislative action.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 2009 Community College National Legislative Summit. The coming year will be a truly critical time for our country, our economy, and our colleges. The NLS is your opportunity to become an integral part of the legislative process and to make a difference for your colleges and communities.

Sincerely,

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