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**FROM THE DESK OF ACCT** is an information briefing for the members of ACCT. This newsletter is designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at your Association.

## NEWS FLASH

### 2008 NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT UPDATE - U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MARGARET SPELLINGS CONFIRMED

Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education, will be speaking at the NLS. Spellings will speak in the morning on Tuesday, February 12. Additional speakers include Charlie Cook and Stuart Rothenberg, Political Analysts; Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE); Representative Ric Keller (R-FL); Governor Roy Romer, Chairman of Strong American Schools; and Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director of the Council of Chief State School Officers. Please check [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) for ongoing program and speaker updates.

## EVENTS NOT TO MISS

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT!

There is still time to register for the upcoming NLS and hotel rooms are available. Visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and click on 'NLS' to register or contact ACCT at 866-895-ACCT (2228). We hope to see you in Washington, DC, for this important and timely meeting.

### PRE-NLS ADVOCACY 101 SESSION

Participate in a session tailored for first-time attendees and those wishing to refresh their advocacy skills. Panelists include: Mike Hansen, President, Michigan Community College Association and Lawrence Nespoli, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges. For more information, or to sign up, please e-mail Christina Sage at [csage@acct.org](mailto:csage@acct.org).

### DANISH - U.S. - DENMARK BILATERAL COMMISSION -- DON'T MISS OUT!

Under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding, established seven years ago by the Danish and U.S. governments to strengthen career and technical education programs and to support the formation of partnerships between American Community Colleges and Danish Technical and Business Colleges, we are pleased to announce a visit to Denmark in March/April 2008 for community college faculty, trustees and administrators.

ACCT, along with Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), are members of the Danish - U.S. Bilateral Commission. This has been administered jointly by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, and the Ministry of Education, Denmark.

The three national community college organizations recognize the need for globally competent citizens. ACCT recognizes the value of trustees understanding the role that global initiatives play in our communities, and supports the attendance of trustees on this delegation. CCID has long advocated global initiatives and already had Danish colleges as members. All three organizations recognize the vital role that international connections play in the development of competent learners at our colleges, who become effective global citizens.

Danish business and technical colleges in Denmark perform much of the same functions that technical and professional training programs do at U.S. community colleges. While a number of Danish students travel each year to the U.S., fewer U.S. students go to Denmark. The goal of this visit is to introduce U.S. faculty, trustees and administrators to their Danish counterparts, so they may return to their campuses as ambassadors to recruit U.S. students for exchanges. It is anticipated that colleges will establish long-term relationships with their Danish counterparts, leading to summer programs, semester to year-long exchanges, faculty sharing and internships.

The visit to Denmark will be in March/April 2008. Contact [ccid@kirkwood.edu](mailto:ccid@kirkwood.edu) with "Danish Program" in the subject line for more details.

### LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY -- ACCT'S GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

THE CRUCIAL LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD  
APRIL 13 - 15, 2008, SAN ANTONIO, TX

The Governance Leadership Institute is a great opportunity to engage a team of trustees and the president in an interactive learning opportunity, including key topics on effective governance. This is a great team building experience that will strengthen relationships among trustees and the president, help the president and chair of the board to bond, and motivate and acknowledge the contributions of trustees. It is also a great learning opportunity for new trustees.

Join us at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, TX. For a detailed agenda and to register please visit <http://www.acct.org/events/institute/> or call Deborah Plavin at 202.775.4468 or Dr. Narcisa Polonio, at 202-775-4670 or 202-276-1983.

## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: ACCT ANNUAL CONGRESS 2008**

Join over 1,400 trustees and presidents in New York City in October!

Theme - The American Promise: Combating Poverty through Education

ACCT is soliciting proposals for Congress presentations. Share how your college has contributed to make the American dream a reality for millions through innovative approaches to:

- > Student access and educational success
- > Workforce development and economic vitality
- > Addressing the equity gap
- > Institutional quality and the campus of the future
- > Effective governance

ACCT's 39TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONGRESS:

October 29 - November 1 at the New York Marriott Marquis Times Square, New York City, NY

**Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

**Easy Submission Process:** Proposals may be submitted online at [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org), sent via e-mail to [congress@acct.org](mailto:congress@acct.org), or sent via fax. Please review the call for presentations, which is available at: [www.acct.org/events/annualcongress/2008-cfp.php](http://www.acct.org/events/annualcongress/2008-cfp.php), for submission instructions. **2008**

**Congress Registration Information:** Hotel and Congress registration will open in late April/early May. **Questions about Proposals:** Call Deborah Plavin, Education and Board Services Program Specialist, at 202-775-4468 or Dr. Narcisa Polonio, Vice President for Education, Research and Board Services, 202-775-4670 or 202-276-1983.

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## **KNOW OF A PROGRAM OR PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION?**

ACCT congratulates the 2007 Annual Association Awards Recipients and thanks everyone who submitted nominations for these important leadership awards

### **M. DALE ENSIGN TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Harold L. Brock  
Hawkeye Community College, Iowa

### **MARIE Y. MARTIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARD**

Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.  
San Diego Community College District, California

### **WILLIAM H. MEARDY FACULTY MEMBER AWARD**

Glenda Boling  
Danville Area Community College, Illinois

### **CHARLES KENNEDY EQUITY AWARD**

Portland Community College, Oregon

### **PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF AWARD**

Janet Dale  
Northern Wyoming Community College District

ACCT will begin accepting nominations for its 2008 awards program in February. The nomination booklet will be available early next month. ACCT is requesting nominations for the following Regional Awards:

- > Trustee Leadership
- > Chief Executive Officer
- > Equity
- > Faculty Member
- > Professional Board Staff Member

The deadline to submit a nomination is July 11, 2008. Nominations will be accepted online, by e-mail, by fax or by standard mail. Please contact Christina Sage, Awards Coordinator, with any questions: [csage@acct.org](mailto:csage@acct.org) or 866-895-2228, ext. 115.

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## **FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL**

### **Congress Cuts Funding for Pell Grants**

Prior to adjourning for 2007, Congress and the Administration passed an Omnibus spending bill that cut the Pell Grant maximum by \$69 for a total of \$4,241. This is the first cut to the program in years. The maximum total does not include the \$490 Pell Grant maximum which was included as part of the budget reconciliation process earlier in the year. To see the funding level for other programs, please visit: [www.acct.org/advocacy/funding](http://www.acct.org/advocacy/funding).

**The community college caucus** in the U.S. House of Representatives has over 173 Members! The Senate Community College Caucus has 25 members. Are your Representatives or Senators members? To check, visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and click on 'Advocacy.' If not, visit ACCT's Legislative Action Center and send an e-mail to your Representatives and Senators encouraging them to join.

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## **YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK**

### **TRUSTEE QUARTERLY FALL 2007**

The Fall 2007 issue of the *Trustee Quarterly* Magazine was sent to members in December 2007. The cover story is a feature article on ACCT's new Chair, Lynda Stanley, trustee from Brunswick Community College, NC. Additional highlights focus on ACCT's Congress in San Diego, CA, an article on "Generation Next" by Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent at the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* and a Q&A with NLS keynote speaker Stuart Rothenberg. If you have not gotten this issue of *Trustee Quarterly*, contact Christina Sage: [csage@acct.org](mailto:csage@acct.org).

### **ACCT MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

ACCT will be sending every member an individual membership card in early February. The card will have your name, unique login number and password to access the 'members only' portion of our new website. Please be on the lookout for this information. It is important to keep your contact information current because we rely on this to send you ACCT publications and event materials.

### **ACCT E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS**

In order to protect ACCT's information technology infrastructure, we have contracted with MessageLabs to filter incoming e-mails, to manage, and to reduce risk in the exchange of business information. MessageLabs, services are designed to protect and control ACCT's e-mail communications before reaching our internal network.

When communicating with ACCT via e-mail, be sure to remove any VBA macros from MicrosoftWord or Excel files that are included as attachments to the e-mail. Please convert any MicrosoftWord or Excel files containing a VBA macro to either a Rich Text File (RTF) or Adobe Acrobat (PDF). Failure to do so will result in the message being returned unopened with a notification from MessageLabs that the e-mail is returned because it is potentially a threat.

### **IT DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS**

In an effort to reduce the loss of data or access to critical information due to an unforeseen event, ACCT has outsourced its website, membership database and financial accounting system.

>**Website** - ACCT's website is now hosted externally. Our host, The Matrix Group, is responsible for maintenance and providing redundant capabilities to ensure that the website is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

>**Membership database** - ACCT works with Avectra to provide world class membership management. Avectra hosts ACCT's membership database on a dedicated server at its own facilities. Avectra provides redundant capabilities to ensure that the ACCT membership database is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

>**Financial Accounting System** - ACCT partners with accounting firm Larson Allen to perform financial recording and reporting services. Larson Allen uses the INTACCT Financial Environment (LIFE) to record ACCT's financial transactions. Larson Allen is responsible for ensuring that the LIFE system has redundant capabilities to ensure that the ACCT accounting system is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

### **2008 COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUTURES ASSEMBLY**

ACCT Chair Lynda Stanley is the trustee Co-Chair for the 2008 Community College Futures Assembly, hosted by the University of Florida, January 27-29 in Orlando, FL. The Futures Assembly sponsors the Bellwether Awards for community college programs in three categories: Instructional Programs & Services; Planning, Governance & Finance; and Workforce Development. ACCT has featured presentations by the Bellwether Award colleges during its Community College Leadership Congress. ACCT President and CEO Noah Brown will serve as a Bellwether Awards Judge for the second year. Information about the Futures Assembly can be found at <http://www.coe.ufl.edu/futures/>

### **2008 WORLD CONGRESS**

"Developing Global Partnerships" is the theme for the 2008 World Congress and International Association of Colleges Conference, hosted by Bronx Community College, February 18-20, in New York City. ACCT President and CEO Noah Brown will be among the participants, discussing the role of community colleges and peer institutions from around the world in global education. Learn more about the World Congress at <http://www.worldcongress2008.com/>.

### **GLOBAL EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE**

ACCT Chair Lynda Stanley and President Noah Brown will participate in an invitational roundtable hosted by Community Colleges for International Development (CCID), March 9-11 at the Airlie Center in Warrenton, VA. "Thinking Again, And Anew, About Global Education in the 21st Century," will explore the state of community college efforts in the post-911 era, and focus on identifying strategies and polices for community college global initiatives. For more information on CCID visit <http://ccid.kirkwood.cc.ia.us/>.

## **ACCT's Website is Re-designed**

A visit to [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) will reveal our newly designed and restructured website. The site has many features we hope will make finding information and getting involved in your association much easier. Please visit our new site and send us your feedback.

Some new and improved features include:

- > Update your member profile
- > Contribute to ACCT's new 'show and tell' section
- > Navigate the site with seven easy color coded sections
- > Locate information on becoming more involved with your association
- > Read past issues of publications
- > Send a letter through ACCT's Legislative Action Center
- > Increase or decrease text size to suit your needs
- > Sign up for news and alerts
- > Register for meetings and events

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## **Does ACCT Have your Address and E-mail Information?**

ACCT is pleased to provide a new and improved on-line membership directory. Visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and click on the 'Member Login' icon to enter your unique login number and password. You will have direct access to the information ACCT currently has about you, your board members, and your institution. By using the information contained in your ACCT membership card, you can update your mailing and e-mail addresses, while your professional board staff can also add new board members and remove those no longer serving. We hope you enjoy this new database and thank you in advance for keeping your records up to date. If you forget your username or password, please refer to your membership card, or contact the ACCT office for assistance.



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