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# From The Desk of ACCT

Ken Burke, Chair

Noah Brown, President & CEO

From the Desk of ACCT is a new information briefing to the members of ACCT designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at the Association. Beginning July, 2006 this communications will be provided only via electronic communications.

## Advocacy/Public Policy

### WHITE HOUSE GULF COAST INITIATIVE

ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown was invited and participated in a small meeting on December 20, 2005 with President Bush and a select group of business, union, and Administration senior officials at the White House to discuss progress in addressing the needs of citizens of the Gulf Coast Region.

The group will reconvene monthly days at the White House under the leadership of Don Powell, former FDIC official and assistant to Vice President Dick Cheney, to continue discussing ways participants might collaborate on efforts to rebuild both the physical and economic infrastructure of the Gulf Region. Among the topics raised was the importance of the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants (CBJTG) program, which is helping a number of community colleges, and the need for the President to work to ensure that Congress provides full funding for this program. The President was reminded that community colleges will continue to work in support of the his job training program.

The President is interested in how community colleges can address and accelerate training programs to create a skilled trades workforce to rebuild houses, business, and critical infrastructure. This is both a topic and opportunity for ACCT to explore further with the Administration.

Noah witnessed the President signing the "Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005," which will provide additional targeted tax incentives for the Gulf Coast, including an expansion of the HOPE Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tuition Tax Credits

For more information, visit the White House link:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/12/20051221-4.html>

### NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

CHAIR KEN BURKE continues to emphasize the importance of the NLS and that our collective voices, ACCT and AACC, are vitally important to the community college movement and the communities we serve.

We are expecting over 1,000 attendees at this years NLS. To date, our speaker line-up include

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Bob Wise, President, Alliance for Excellent Education  
David Wessel, Deputy Washington Bureau Chief, *The Wall Street Journal*  
David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the U.S., U.S. Government Accountability Office

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

Invitations are pending for Representative **Buck McKeon** (R-CA), Senator **Barack Obama** (D-IL) and Secretary of Education **Margaret Spellings**.

Visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and check your email for last minute speaker updates.

Don't forget! President George W. Bush releases his FY07 budget on Monday, February 6. NLS attendees will get the first look at the President's budget and its impact on Community Colleges.

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## New Community College Caucus

The House of Representatives recently formed the bi-partisan Community College Caucus. The Community College Caucus is being co-chaired by four Representatives: Brad Miller (D-NC), Michael Castle (R-DE), David Wu (D-OR), and Roger Wicker (R-MS).

Currently, they are working on recruiting Members of Congress to join the

caucus. In general, the caucus will serve as a forum to identify and discuss current issues that affect community colleges and the more than 11.9 million students they serve each year.

Write or call your member to encourage them to join the Community College Caucus!

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## Workshop/Seminar

ACCT and Entrenworks Consulting was please to host the first in a series of seminars on innovative community college approaches to economic and workforce development called the Power of Virtual Enterprise. Over 20 educational professionals attended the program to

learn about this cutting edge system to support community college entrepreneurship. If you are interested in more information about the Virtual Enterprise Program, please contact Erik Pages, president of EntreWorks Consulting at [epages@entrenworks.net](mailto:epages@entrenworks.net)

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## ACCT Corporate Council

ETS (Educational Testing Services) has joined the ACCT Corporate Council. ETS's mission is to advance quality and equity in education for all people worldwide by providing fair and valid assessments, research and related services to K-12 and higher education. Jon Alexiou, Director of Higher Education at ETS will serve as the official representative to ACCT.

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## Trustee Quarterly Magazine

The *Trustee Quarterly* Magazine March 2006 issue will focus on the theme: The Mandate for Trusteeship. We would like member feedback to the issue and comments, and suggestion on topics of future interest to you. Send news items to: [amajor@acct.org](mailto:amajor@acct.org) or [ehenkin@acct.org](mailto:ehenkin@acct.org).

## REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT THE NLS

The Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled on Sunday, February 5, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. This date represents a change from what was printed in the 2006 NLS preliminary brochure. Please note this change. The Committees will be interviewing declared candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors and ACCT Diversity Committee.

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## ASSOCIATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Check your mail for the 2006 Awards nomination brochure.

Again this year all nominees will be accepted for both the Regional and Association Award at one time.

The deadline for submissions is May 19, 2006. Mail, e-mail or visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) to submit a nomination request. All awards will be given out at the Community College Leadership Congress in Orlando, FL

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## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: ACCT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

The Association is currently accepting proposals for the Annual Community College Leadership Congress, scheduled October 11-14, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. The 2006 theme is: *The Mandate for Trusteeship: The Changing Landscape*. The deadline for Proposals is: Friday, February 24, 2006. The brochure was mailed to all members in October, 2005. The brochure is also available on ACCT's website at: [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) or call the ACCT office at 1-866-895-ACCT (2228).

# Board Leadership Services

BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES ACCT is currently assisting 12 institutions with the search for their next president.

THEY INCLUDE:

Joliet Junior College, IL  
Canada College, San Mateo Community Colleges District, CA  
Barton County Community College, KS  
Henry Ford Community College, MI  
New Hampshire Community Technical College System with three presidential searches for Claremont, Laconia and Manchester, NH  
Western Nebraska Community College, NE  
Quinsigamond Community College, MA  
Hennepin Technical College, MN  
Northland Community and Technical College, MN  
Lincoln Land Community College, IL  
Modesto Junior College, Yosemite Community College District, CA  
Bay De Noc Community College, MI

BOARD RETREAT Services are being provided by ACCT at:

Parkland College, IL  
West Shore Community College, MI  
Niagara County Community College, NY  
McHenry Community College, IL  
Galveston College, TX  
Barton County Community College, KS  
Brevard Community College, FL  
St Clair Community College, MI  
Neosho County Community College, KS  
Maricopa County Community College District, AZ  
Rockland Community College, NY  
Frederick Community College, MD  
National Park Community College, AR  
Houston Community College District, TX  
Northcentral Technical College, WI  
Oakton Community College, IL  
Southeastern Community College, NC  
South Arkansas Community College, AK  
San Joaquin Delta College, CA  
American Indian Higher Education Consortium, ID

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## Website/Membership Database Update

Don't Forget to check ACCT's Website for program and event information. In addition, we are constantly updating our membership database and e-mail addresses.

If we do not have your most recent email address, please send it to us at:  
[acctinfo@acct.org](mailto:acctinfo@acct.org)

To Update your address go to: [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and click on **Membership**, then click on **Update your Member Profile** to gain direct access to the current information ACCT has about you, your board members and your institution. Contact us by email: [acctinfo@acct.org](mailto:acctinfo@acct.org), or by phone 202-775-4667 or 1-866-895-ACCT (2228) if you are unable to access or update your information.

## ACCT Dates and Deadlines

ACCT Director at Large:  
July 1, 2005

Contact Tonya Harley at  
tharley@acct.org.

Awards Nominations:

May 19, 2006.

Contact Catherine Reid at  
creid@acct.org

Call for Presentations:



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