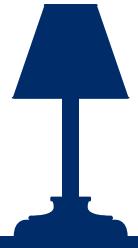




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# From The Desk of ACCT



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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.

## ON THE ROAD

**ACCT PRESIDENT AND CEO J. NOAH BROWN WILL DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS** during the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship Conference, January 8-11, 2007, in Orlando, FL. He will address how the new “flat world” is changing the rules for how community college leaders operate in support of their communities. On January 27-30, Noah will be a judge for the 2007 Community College Bellwether Awards during the Community College Futures Assembly in Orlando, FL. The Bellwether Awards recognize outstanding colleges for their innovation and effectiveness in meeting community needs.

**ON DECEMBER 11**, Noah will visit with Lumina Foundation President Martha Lampkin in Indianapolis, IN, to follow up on Lumina Foundation Chairman John Mutz's keynote address during the ACCT Leadership Congress in Orlando. Noah will discuss several initiatives of great interest to Lumina and community colleges. While in Indianapolis, Noah will also participate in a meeting with AACC President and CEO George Boggs and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Community College Relations Panel.

## UPCOMING VISITS FOR NOAH IN EARLY 2007:

### FEBRUARY 15

Kansas Association of Community College Trustees PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) Conference  
Topeka, KS

### MARCH 18-20

National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Conference (NCMPR)  
San Diego, CA

## NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

**REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEES WILL MEET FEBRUARY 11, 2007**, during the National Legislative Summit in Washington DC, to interview and select nominees for the ACCT Board and Diversity Committee. If you are a candidate who plans to come before your nominating committee, you are required to notify the ACCT President in writing of your intent to run by January 9, 2007. Please visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) for submission guidelines and election process information.

## NEW MEMBER DATABASE FOR ACCT MEMBERS

**IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE ACCT MORE MEMBER-FRIENDLY AND TRANSPARENT, WE ARE DEVELOPING** a new membership database interface. The product, Avectra, and its software system, netFORUM, will offer all the benefits associated with being a fully Web-enabled (browser-based) membership database solution. ACCT is especially excited about its ease of deployment and cost effectiveness. ACCT members and staff can access its full complement of features and functionality anywhere there is a browser and an Internet connection. The new Association Member Software will go live in December 2006.

## ACCT'S 2006 LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

**ACCT IS VERY THANKFUL TO ITS MEMBERS FOR AN EXTREMELY WELL-ATTENDED CONGRESS.** More than 1,750 people attended the 2006 ACCT Leadership Congress in Orlando. ACCT staff strive to provide relevant and timely information to you in your role as trustees. According to your Congress feedback, the session content and keynote speakers were timely and well-aligned with current trends and issues of importance. Additionally, selected session handouts are now available to download from our website. Please visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) and select Orlando Congress to find the handout listing and downloadable files.

## **ADVOCACY**

**THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS 123 MEMBERS!** Is your Representative a member? 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 Representative encouraging them to join.

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## **2007 NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

**FEATURED NLS SPEAKERS ED GILLESPIE AND TERRY MCAULIFFE WILL BE ON-SITE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR KEYNOTE ADDRESS** on Monday, February 12, 2007, to sign copies of their new books. In September 2006 Gillespie's book *Winning Right: Campaign Politics and Conservative Policies* was released, while McAuliffe's upcoming book: *What a Party! My Life Among Democrats: Presidents, Candidates, Donors, Activists, Alligators and Other Wild Animals* will be available in January 2007. NLS participants can bring copies of their own books to the event or purchase books on-site from the either of the two authors.

Event registration and hotel reservations are now available by visiting [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org) or by contacting ACCT at 1-866-895-ACCT (2228). We hope to see you in Washington, DC!

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## **CONGRESS RETURNS TO FINALIZE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS**

**CONGRESS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, DC AFTER THE ELECTIONS TO FINALIZE ACTION** on the remaining appropriations bills, including Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. Unfortunately, Congress was unable to agree on how to finalize the bills. Instead, Congress will pass a temporary "continuing resolution" to fund federal programs through January or February 2007. The new Congress will be asked to finalize the FY2007 appropriations bills.

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## **NEW CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**THE FALL ELECTIONS DRAMATICALLY SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN WASHINGTON, DC.**

When the 110th Congress convenes in January 2007, the House of Representatives and the Senate will have new leadership and new committee chairs. In total the 110th Congress will have 10 new Senators and 53 new Representatives.

Here is a brief look at the new leadership and committee chairs:

<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
Speaker of the House-Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)	Majority Leader-Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)
Appropriations Committee-Rep. David Obey (D-WI)	Appropriations Committee-Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV)
Budget Committee-Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)	Budget Committee-Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)
Education & the Workforce Committee-Rep. George Miller (D-CA)	Health, Educ., Labor & Pensions Committee-Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA)

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## **PRE-NLS ADVOCACY SESSION ADDED TO PROGRAM**

**AN "ADVOCACY 101" SESSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE PRE-NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT PROGRAM.** The session will take place on February 11, 2007, from 4-5:30 p.m. The session is tailored for first-time attendees and those wishing to brush up on their advocacy skills. Please join us to freshen your advocacy skills for your community college. For more information or to signup, e-mail [csage@acct.org](mailto:csage@acct.org).

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## **ACCT PROVIDES COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FIELD HEARING**

**FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS BEEN HOLDING A SERIES OF REGIONAL** field hearings to solicit input on the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education and additional regulatory changes that the Department should pursue. ACCT provided written comments to the Department in conjunction with the November 8th field hearing in Washington, DC. To view the comments, please visit <http://www.acct.org/Template6.asp?bid=74>.

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## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS HOLDS BRIEFING**

**ON NOVEMBER 15, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS HELD A BRIEFING** for congressional staffers to highlight the role of community colleges in workforce development. The panelists included individuals from the North Carolina Community College System, Community College of Philadelphia, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College.

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## **Call for Presentations: ACCT 2007 Leadership Congress**

**ACCT WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR THE 2007 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONGRESS** in December 2006. The 2007 Congress will be held September 26-29 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA. The 2007 theme is Securing Future Economic Prosperity - The Role of Community College Trustees. The deadline for proposals is Friday, February 23, 2007. Proposals may be submitted online, by fax or by regular mail. The Call for Presentations brochure will be online and delivered via mail in December.

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## **ACCT and WSC: Bring Workforce Development Workshops to You**

**ACCT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORKFORCE STRATEGY CENTER (WSC), IS DEVELOPING HALF-DAY** workshops for community college trustees and their presidents. Julian Alssid, Executive Director of WSC, presented the workshop module along with Noah Brown at ACCT's 2006 Leadership Congress during the National Council of State Association Chief Executives meeting. Several state associations have expressed interest in the initiative and will be incorporating the workshop into their annual state meetings. The workshop will be designed to challenge community college leaders to consider how the career pathways approach can change the way colleges impact students, community stakeholders and regional economies. For additional information on the initiative, please contact Adonia Coates, Coordinator for Education and Outreach, at [acoates@acct.org](mailto:acoates@acct.org).

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## **ACCT Has New Offices!**

**ACCT HAS MOVED TO SUITE 301 WITHIN ITS BUILDING.** All phone and fax numbers remain the same. Please update your records to reflect this address change.

1233 20th Street, NW, Suite 301  
Washington, DC 20036.

Additionally, the ACCT Offices will remain open during the National Legislative Summit, February 12-14. Members are invited to stop by and tour their new national headquarters.

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## **Trustee Quarterly Magazine - Fall 2006**

**THE FALL 2006 TRUSTEE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE WILL BE PRINTED AND DELIVERED IN MID TO LATE DECEMBER.** The cover story is a feature on ACCT's new Chair, Kitty Boyle. Additionally, the issue contains feature stories on a community college in Illinois that performs research, a report on the Commission on the future of higher education, the transfer mission of community colleges and much more!

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## **Women of Color Administrators in Higher Education Conference**

**ACCT VICE PRESIDENT FOR BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES NARCISA POLONIO SPOKE AT THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION'S SUMMIT FOR WOMEN** of Color Administrators in Higher Education held November 6-8, 2006, in Long Beach, CA. The title of the Summit was "Making Our Mark, Making a Difference." The event was an opportunity to speak to the next generation of higher education leaders representing universities, colleges and community colleges throughout the country.

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## **National Awards Winners from Congress**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2006 ACCT ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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

James L. Ayers, Parkland College, IL

#### **MARIE Y. MARTIN CEO AWARD**

E. Ann McGee, Seminole Community College, FL

#### **CHARLES KENNEDY EQUITY AWARD**

Hillsborough Community College, FL

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

Kathy R. Sturgeon, Danville Area Community College, IL

#### **PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF AWARD**

Gloria Breland, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

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## Board Leadership Services

Board Leadership Services assisted the Board of Trustees of the Houston Community College System to identify interim Chancellor Norman Nielsen, President Emeritus of Kirkwood CC, IA. ACCT is now conducting an accelerated three-month national search to identify the permanent chancellor for HCCS.

ACCT is assisting the Louisiana Community and Technical College System with a presidential search. ACCT will assist with an accelerated two-month national search to identify the president for LCTCS, a vacancy left by Walter Bumphus.

ACCT is also assisting Reading Area Community College, PA, Sowela Community Technical College, LA, Chaffey College, CA, San Jose City College of the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, CA and Oxnard College of the Ventura Community College District, CA, with searches.

### **ACCT CONDUCTED RETREATS FOR THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:**

Colby College, KS  
Salish Kootenai College, MT  
Cecil Community College, MD  
County College of Morris, NJ  
Oakton Community College, IL  
College of DuPage, IL  
Oklahoma City Community College, OK

### **PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATIONS AND BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT**

ACCT is assisting the following colleges with confidential and comprehensive evaluations of the president and board self-assessment:

North Arkansas Community College, AK  
Northern Wyoming Community College, WY  
Community College of Morris, NJ



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