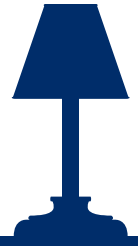




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FROM THE DESK OF ACCT is a new information briefing for the members of ACCT. This newsletter is designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at your Association.

ON THE ROAD

ACCT PRESIDENT AND CEO J. NOAH BROWN SPENT THREE DAYS AS A GUEST OF THE PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE District in Tucson, Arizona, August 16-18. In addition to being the keynote speaker at their *All College Day*, Pima arranged several press opportunities, including an interview with the *Tucson Citizen* newspaper and an appearance on the local television program, *Arizona Illustrated*. He also interviewed with Pima Chancellor, Roy Flores, to discuss issues affecting community colleges and the citizens of Tucson. **AFTER TUCSON**, Noah visited with and addressed trustees and CEOs at the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees Board Meeting and Council of Presidents' meeting in Wichita, September 8-9.

NEXT UP FOR NOAH: A KEYNOTE ADDRESS DURING THE National Council for Workforce Education's Annual Fall Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 21-24, where he will address "The Changing Role of the Community College: New Models in a Flat World." From New Mexico, he will attend the Oregon Community College Association Annual Conference in Redmond, October 22-24, where he will deliver an opening keynote speech.

NOVEMBER 16-18: Noah will attend and welcome trustees and CEOs at the Community College League of California's Annual Conference in Costa Mesa.

JANUARY 8-11, 2007: Noah will give opening remarks at the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Conference (NACCE) in Orlando, Florida.

MARCH 18-20, 2007: Noah will Keynote the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Annual Conference in San Diego, California. NCMPR is also presenting two sessions at the ACCT Congress in Orlando.

U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MARGARET SPELLINGS TO SPEAK AT THE ORLANDO CONGRESS

ACCT IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MARGARET SPELLINGS will deliver special remarks at the Friday luncheon session. Secretary Spellings' speech will highlight the Commission on the Future of Higher Education's recommendations, which will be released in late September.

ORLANDO CONGRESS SPEAKER UPDATE

ACCT HAS CONFIRMED ITS SATURDAY MORNING BRUNCH SPEAKER. We are pleased to announce that Valencia Community College alumni Dick Batchelor will keynote the closing event. Mr. Batchelor is a longtime Orlando resident who received his degrees from Valencia Community College and the University of Central Florida. Mr. Batchelor served in the Florida House of Representatives (1974-1982) and was chairman of the Auditing Committee, Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee and House Energy Committee, as well as chairman of four subcommittees. He was also named one of "The 50 Most Powerful People" by *Orlando Magazine* (2005 and 2004), the 2003 "Central Floridian of the Year" (*The Orlando Sentinel*) and the 2002 "Businessman of the Year" (*Orlando Business Journal*).

ORLANDO CONGRESS PROGRAM UPDATE

ACCT'S ANNUAL MEETING IS JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS AWAY. Participants can begin to plan their sessions by downloading a preliminary program from our website: www.acct.org. While each session is going to be engaging and thought-provoking, we hope you will make sure to attend our General Sessions and our two special panel presentations. On Wednesday, October 11, we are pleased to present a discussion on the Community College Baccalaureate. Additionally, our keynote speaker, Ralph Smith, will join us the afternoon of Friday, October 13, for an in-depth discussion on the Missing Minority Male. Please check your program for specific times and room locations.

ADVOCACY

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS OVER 110 MEMBERS! Is your representative a member? To check, visit 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.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT UPDATE

ACCT is happy to announce that Ed Gillespie and Terry McAuliffe will be the keynote speakers for the 2007 Summit. Mr. Gillespie served as chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC) during the 2004 election cycle. Mr. McAuliffe served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from February 2001 to February 2005. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. McAuliffe will share their political expertise and will provide an overview of the results of the 2006 elections and what it means for community colleges and higher education.

Additionally, ACCT has secured former Governor John Engler of Michigan, President and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Robert Bixby, Executive Director of the Concord Coalition, as speakers for the 2007 Summit. Registration for the NLS will open on October 16, 2006.

U.S. DEPT. OF ED. CREATES COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recently announced that it would convene four rulemaking committees to propose changes to regulations governing the Higher Education Act. In its announcement, the Department noted that the American Competitiveness Grants/SMART grants would be the focus of the first committee. The subject matter for the remaining committees is unclear, but it will likely encompass the recommendations from the Commission on the Future of Higher Education. In preparation for the rulemaking committees, the Department is holding four regional hearings to solicit input on the Commission's recommendations and any additional regulatory changes that the Department should pursue.

For more information about the committees and hearings, please visit.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-13642.htm>

ACCT MEETS WITH NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, ACCT STAFF MET WITH TROY JUSTESEN, THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY in the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) at the U.S. Department of Education. Previously, Beto Gonzales served as Acting Assistant Secretary for OVAE. The discussion was very productive with topics ranging from the Community College liaison position to the Perkins Grant programs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 29TH THAT THE PRESIDENT intends to nominate Sara Martinez Tucker to be Under Secretary of Education. Ms. Tucker currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Prior to this, she served 16 years at AT&T as National Vice President and as Vice President of Consumer Operations. Ms. Tucker will need to be approved by the Senate. David Dunn was acting Under Secretary and will continue to serve as Chief of Staff to Secretary Margaret Spellings. Ms. Tucker was one of the keynote speakers at the 2003 ACCT Annual Congress in Denver, Colorado.

CONGRESS RETURNS AFTER AUGUST RECESS

CONGRESS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AFTER LABOR DAY with a packed schedule and very limited time to complete action on a number of bills. Congress will only have about four weeks to complete action because they need to adjourn for the upcoming elections. If Congress is unable to finish work on the appropriations bills, they will return to session in mid-November.

Trustee Quarterly Magazine: Summer Issue

THE SUMMER ISSUE OF ACCT'S TRUSTEE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE WAS MAILED to the membership in August. The Pre-Congress issue features interviews with three of our Congress Keynote speakers and the cover story explores our theme: The Mandate for Trusteeship - The Changing Landscape. Selected articles from the issue are available online. If you have not received your issue or want to update your mailing address, please contact ACCT at 866-895-ACCT (2228).

ACCT and CCbenefits Finalize Intellectual Property Purchase

ACCT AND CCBENEFITS INC. ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT CCBENEFITS has purchased the rights to their jointly developed Socioeconomic Impact Model (SEIM), which uses economic theory and statistics to estimate the role that community, technical and junior colleges play in local economies. Representatives from both organizations said that the deal would accelerate innovation and maximize value for ACCT member colleges and other customers of CCbenefits. For complete information on the purchase, please visit www.acct.org.

ACCT Headquarters Move Update

ACCT'S NEW OFFICES ARE NEARING COMPLETION, AND STAFF expects to move to the Association's new headquarters after the Orlando Congress in mid-October. The new headquarters will feature all new furniture provided by ACCT Corporate Council member AllSteel, a state-of-the-art IP-ready voice system, a conference room and other enhancements designed to provide a home for trustees to visit in the nation's capital. Stay tuned for more announcements and information on the office move!

ACCT Board Committees Seek Associates for 2007

THE POLICY OF INVITING MEMBER TRUSTEES TO SERVE ON ACCT BOARD COMMITTEES has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while also bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations.

The Diversity, Finance and Audit, Governance and Bylaws, Member Communications and Public Policy committees for 2007 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees interested in serving as Associate Committee Members are encouraged to submit their applications. For more information and instructions on how to apply visit www.acct.org and click on *Board of Directors*, then *Board Committees* or call 866-895-ACCT (2228) and ask for Tonya Harley. The deadline for applications is October 27, 2006.

New Staff at ACCT

ACCT WELCOMES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES SPECIALIST, JULIE GOLDER. Julie comes to ACCT from the United States Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. where she worked as a Law Clerk for the Committee. She received her J.D. from the University of Montana School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Website/Membership Database Update

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ACCT'S WEBSITE FOR PROGRAM AND EVENT INFORMATION. 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

FOR COLLEGE SECRETARIES: By logging on to www.acct.org, clicking on the "Membership" link and entering a User Id and Password, the college secretary will have direct access to the information ACCT currently has about you, your board members, and your institution. If unable to access or update your information, please contact us by email: acctinfo@acct.org, by phone 866-895-2228 or by fax 866-904-2228.

ACCT Regional and Association Awards Presented in Orlando

We invite the membership to join us in Orlando during the upcoming Congress to recognize the outstanding individuals being honored with ACCT Awards.

Award presentations will be made as follows:

October 12th
Regional Trustee
Opening General Session Breakfast -
Regional Equity and Chief Executive Officer
General Session Luncheon

October 13th
Regional Faculty and Professional Board Staff Member
General Session Luncheon

To view a complete listing of the regional awardees, please visit www.acct.org

The prestigious Association Awards will be announced and presented at the Awards Gala the evening of October 13th:

WHO WILL BE SELECTED AS THE 2006 ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENT?



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