Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2010 ACCT Regional Awards program. ACCT received a record number of nominations in all awards categories from across the five regions. ACCT’s awards program is designed to recognize and honor outstanding community college trustees, equity initiatives, presidents, faculty members, and professional board staff members at the regional and national levels.

Congratulations to the 2010 ACCT Regional Awards recipients!

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD
- Richard Adams - Edison Community College, Ohio
- Harold Williams - Portland Community College, Ore.
- Michael Williams - Houston Community College System, Texas
- Wendell “Winkie” Williams - South Florida Community College District

EQUITY AWARD
- College of the Mainland - College of the Mainland, Texas
- Evelyn Field - Raritan Valley Community College, N.J.
- Guam Community College - Guam Community College, the territory of Guam
- Oakton Community College - Oakton Community College, Ill.
- St. Petersburg College - St. Petersburg College, Fla.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARD
- Jo Anne McFarland - Central Wyoming College, Wyo.
- Gwendolyn Stephenson - Hillsborough Community College, Fla.
- Pamela Transue - Tacoma Community College, Wash.

FACULTY MEMBER AWARD
- Erik Christensen - South Florida Community College District, Fla.
- Tom Garrison - Coast Community College District, Calif.
- Joyce Lindstrom - St. Charles Community College, Mo.
- Ivan Lorentzen - Flathead Valley Community College, Mont.

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER AWARD
- Anne Bergamo - Cumberland County College, N.J.
- Natalie Gamble - Trident Technical College, S.C.
- Linda Peltier - Edison Community College, Ohio
- Coral Richards - Western Nebraska Community College, Neb.
- Christian Teeter - Coast Community College District, Calif.

Regional Awards recipients are automatically nominated for a national Association Award in the same category. The Association Awards recipients will be announced for the first time and honored during ACCT’s Awards Gala Banquet at the Community College Leadership Congress in Toronto, Canada, on Friday, October 22, 2010. We look forward to seeing you there!

Visit www.acct.org/about/awards/ to learn more about the ACCT Awards program. ACCT encourages you to submit nominations for 2011!
National Governors Association Joins Completion Movement

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III, who serves as chair of the National Governors Association, National Governors Association Joins Completion Movement, which “enlists all governors to make our nation a global leader in college completion.”

“The nation has fallen from first to 12th in the world in the number of students who complete degrees,” Manchin said. “Now, we’re faced with a generation of students that is projected to have lower educational attainment than their parents.”

The Complete to Compete initiative is aligned in principle with President Obama’s American Graduation Initiative and the Democracy’s Colleges Call to Action, of which ACCT is a signing partner. The initiative challenges community colleges to graduate 50 percent more students by the year 2020. ACCT will continue discussions with Governor Manchin and the NGA as the Complete to Compete initiative develops. More information is available at: www.nga.org/files/pdf/10MANCHINBROCHURE.PDF.

Voluntary Framework of Accountability Update

On July 31, Voluntary Framework for Accountability (VFA) Project Manager Bernadette Farrelly briefed the ACCT Board of Directors during the summer board retreat in Chicago, Illinois, on developments to date. The VFA initiative is designed to create a voluntary accountability system to measure outcomes and processes that are specific to community colleges. The VFA will provide opportunities for colleges to benchmark their student progress and completion data against peers and to provide stakeholders with critical information on their performance.

Along with Farrelly, ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) President and CEO George Boggs, and The College Board Vice President Ron Williams contributed their experiences and discussed the importance of the initiative and the preliminary draft of measures. A steering committee and four working groups (Student Persistence and Outcomes; Workforce, Economic & Community Development; Student Learning Outcomes; and Communications and College Engagement) have been established to address challenges and identify the most appropriate evaluative criteria. Eight institutions initially volunteered to participate as pilot sites and comprise a potential list of participants. To ensure that a broad selection of institutions give feedback, additional sites will be selected through a request for proposals (RFP) process, which was scheduled to start in early September. Initial VFA measures are expected to be announced during the 2010 ACCT Leadership Congress this October 20-23 in Toronto, Canada. Additional measures will be added to the framework as the initiative develops and as community college leadership identify needs.

For more information about the VFA, go to http://www.aacc.nche.edu/vfa.

ACCT’s Virtual Leadership Academies

This August, ACCT launched an educational webinar series of Virtual Leadership Academies designed for high-level administrative executives who aspire to become community college presidents. The three webinars, which took place on August 13, 20, and 27, described how to become a more competitive candidate, develop a competitive application package, and impress at the interview.

More than 100 registrations were completed for the initial broadcasts, and comments from participants were strongly encouraging:

“Excellent session and very well organized. This is an excellent way to learn this information.”

“Well designed. Full of valuable information.”

“The webinar was very informative and enjoyable. Although I have done much research, I was happily surprised by how much I learned! Thank you!”

Drawing upon 30 years of successful presidential placement services, the innovative sessions were led by Narcisa A. Polonio, Ed.D., Vice President for Research, Education, and Board Leadership Services, ACCT search consultants, and staff. “This new technology offers an interactive, affordable way to bring trustee education to individual trustees and boards,” said Polonio.

ACCT plans to create a series of trustee training webinars. Visit www.acct.org/events/leadershipacademy to learn more.
Model Standards of Good Practice for Trustee Boards

In Support of Effective Community College Governance, the Board Believes:

- That it derives its authority from the community and that it must always act as an advocate on behalf of the entire community;
- That it must clearly define and articulate its role;
- That it is responsible for creating and maintaining a spirit of true cooperation and a mutually supportive relationship with its CEO;
- That it always strives to differentiate between external and internal processes in the exercise of its authority;
- That its trustee members should engage in a regular and ongoing process of in-service training and continuous improvement;
- That its trustee members come to each meeting prepared and ready to debate issues fully and openly;
- That its trustee members vote their conscience and support the decision or policy made;
- That its behavior, and that of its members, exemplify ethical behavior and conduct that is above reproach;
- That it endeavors to remain always accountable to the community;
- That it honestly debates the issues affecting its community and speaks with one voice once a decision or policy is made.

Adopted by the ACCT Board of Directors, October 2000.

* The term “board” refers to a community college board of trustees or appropriate governing authority.

Congratulations to Incoming AACC President and CEO Dr. Walter Bumphus

ACCT congratulates Dr. Walter Bumphus on his appointment as the new president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), effective January 1, 2011.

“Walter Bumphus has contributed tremendously to the community college movement,” said ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown. “In 2005, Dr. Bumphus was awarded one of ACCT’s top honors, the Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer award, for his extraordinary leadership as president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Dr. Bumphus has collaborated with ACCT on our trustee research project and has assisted with trustee training. We look forward to our new collaboration and partnership in the coming years.”

Dr. Bumphus currently serves as professor in the Community College Leadership Program (CCLP) and chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas at Austin. The CCLP is the nation’s oldest and most prolific doctoral program for community college leaders.

“Walter has been tested over and over as a leader, and he has consistently risen to every challenge,” current AACC President and CEO George R. Boggs said. “He brings both intellect and experience to the leadership of AACC, and he has a deep commitment to community colleges and the people they serve.”

“Dr. Boggs’s leadership over the past decade has helped to elevate community colleges to a new level,” said Brown. “He has established a strong foundation on which AACC and ACCT will continue to build under the leadership of Dr. Bumphus.”

Call for Proposals: 2011 ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant Opportunities

ACCT is seeking proposals for the 2011 ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant program. The ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant was created in 2007 for the purpose of funding projects that focus on programs and/or activities of national interest to ACCT member boards and individual trustees. The objectives of the ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant are:

1. Financial support for projects that initiate, enrich, or support innovative programs or activities created for the specific purpose of engaging and improving community college governance;
2. Recognition for ACCT member institutions that have demonstrated a specific interest in and support of community college board programs and activities;
3. Enrichment of ACCT’s service to trustees through the contribution of new ideas that can be shared with our community college trustee membership.

The deadline to submit proposals is December 3, 2010. To download the request for proposals and proposal guidelines, go to www.acct.org/resources/trust.
ACCT Launches New Diversity Assessment Services

As part of its diversity initiative, ACCT is excited to announce a new Board Leadership Service program to help boards and presidents conduct policy assessments on the effectiveness of their diversity efforts.

The first diversity assessment report was recently completed for Bergen Community College in New Jersey. “We appreciate ACCT’s efforts to validate our institution-wide diversity efforts,” says President Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan.

ACCT maintains an extensive library of diversity-related materials at the online Diversity Resource Center located at www.acct.org/resources/special-initiatives/diversity-1/diversity-resource-center.php. For more information about ACCT’s diversity assessment service, contact Dr. Narcisa Polonio at narcisa_polonio@acct.org or 202.775.4667.

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Did you know that you can follow ACCT and connect with other members online? To follow us on Twitter, go to www.twitter.com/cctrustees. To join in group discussions on LinkedIn, login to your LinkedIn account and search groups for Association of Community College Trustees. It’s that simple! We look forward to connecting with you.

Make Your Voice Heard at the 2011 NLS

Make sure you take the opportunity to join approximately 1,000 of your fellow community college leaders at the 2011 Community College National Leadership Summit this February 13 – 16 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

At the 2011 NLS, you will have the opportunity to learn from Congressional officials, political analysts, and other experts during two-and-a-half days of general, special, and concurrent policy sessions designed to expand your knowledge of current issues, and advocate for the community college movement in our nation’s capitol. David Gregory, Emmy Award-winning moderator of NBC’s Meet the Press, will make a special appearance as the featured keynote speaker. You will also be able to take part in the first Community College Advocacy Academy, a pre-Summit event designed to help you understand federal-level advocacy and leverage your local work to secure support from your national representatives.

Registration opens in mid-October; be sure to register by the December 10 early-bird deadline. To learn more, visit www.acct.org/events/legislativesummit.

ACCT Welcomes 22 New and Reinstated Members

Albany Technical College, Ga.
Athens Technical College, Ga.
College of Eastern Utah, Utah
College of the Albemarle, N.C.
East Central Community College, Miss.
Harcum College, Pa.
Heart of Georgia Technical College, Ga.
Leech Lake Tribal College, Minn.
Little Big Horn College, Mont.
Merced Community College District, Calif.
Meridian Community College District, Calif.
North Central Texas College, Texas
Patrick Henry Community College, Va.
Rio Grande Community College, Ohio
Siskiyou Joint Community College District, Calif.
Somerset Community College, Ky.
Southwestern Community College, N.C.
Tidewater Community College, Va.
Tyler Junior College, Texas
Vernon College, Texas
Weatherford College, Texas