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From the President & CEO

ACCT's Next Chapter of Service



Dear ACCT Members,

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BEGIN THIS NEXT CHAPTER of my service to your colleges and their boards. Every new year brings new promises, and my promise to you as ACCT's new president and CEO is to continue to be the nation's leading advocate for community colleges while working toward expanded member services.

After taking office in November, I invited you to participate in virtual town halls so that I could hear firsthand what's on your mind, what you are concerned about, and how you think ACCT can help. I'm excited to report that over 500 trustees and

college CEOs have participated in our first two town hall meetings. I will continue these meetings throughout the year. If you have not yet joined one of them, I implore you to do so. These events are designed as face-to-face meetings, not webinars, so that all of us can connect with one another on a human level and continue to build our synergy.

As ACCT's staff and I listen carefully to your needs, we are gearing up to launch expanded member benefits as a way to give back to your commitment to the association throughout the years. One of these benefits will include providing access to some of the services we offer at no cost to you in the coming year. In addition, our staff is currently redeveloping the ACCT.org website to make content easier to find and more convenient to access. Most importantly, we are developing an online learning management system to create dynamic online courses relating to governance and advocacy so that you and your newest board members will have access to state-of-the-art trustee education at your fingertips.

After 15 years of serving ACCT, I cannot tell you how excited I am to have this opportunity to bring some of my long-held ideas to fruition under the guidance of wise and deeply experienced board and committee members. I understand that not all good ideas can be realized immediately, and at the same time, the past couple of years have confronted all of us with unprecedented challenges and have forced long-needed changes. Since dramatic changes have become a matter of course, I believe that now is the time to take advantage of our newfound comfort with adaptability and to move our association and our sector into the future. I am more grateful than you can know for your support as we move forward.

Please never hesitate to reach out to me and to any member of ACCT's deeply committed and talented staff to let us know what's on your mind. The best part of this job is interacting with you. I look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Community College National Legislative Summit.

JEE HANG LEE
ACCT PRESIDENT AND CEO