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ACCJC Connect – November 2022



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President's Message

On the Move

The past month has been a whirlwind at ACCJC with Fall Season Visits conducted by our amazing staff and volunteers, the weeklong Commission Development Workshop, and trips by the Vice Presidents to colleges around our region to support our institutions' work in continuous quality improvement. Alongside those activities, we have held onsite and virtual listening sessions to gather stakeholder input on the proposed 2024 Standards. The feedback has already led to revisions, and a 'third' draft will be presented to the Commission in January for a first official public reading. We anticipate a 'fourth' set of revisions and a final reading at the June Commission meeting, followed by a recommended vote for adoption. Thank you to the 85 volunteers who helped craft the revised Standards, and to the hundreds of people who have commented online or in person, and to the hundreds more who have attended our onsite and virtual listening sessions.

Additionally, I am very pleased to share with you *ACCJC On The Move*, a new microsite that will present stories of student success and institutional transformation at ACCJC member institutions. Over the past four months, I have begun connecting with representatives from across the region and visiting ACCJC member institutions and district offices. My goal over the next couple of years is to visit each of our 136 institutions and to share one or two impactful initiatives of which the colleges are proud. My hope is that this will inspire others and bring awareness to the importance of two-year colleges in our communities and to our students. I would like to thank all of those who have hosted me thus far, and look forward to continued travels and connections as I engage in this initiative.


If there is a way that I can serve you, please feel free to reach out to me anytime at mac@accjc.org.

Yours,

Mac Powell

ACCJC On The Move

Stories of Student Success and Institutional Transformation

The story of an institution is the story of the people, places, and communities that serve its students. Conversations about student success often focus solely on graduation rates or other benchmark data that can obscure the true impact that institutions, programs, and people have on the human beings served. *ACCJC On The Move* is about our journey to understand the distinct missions of the 136 institutions ACCJC serves, and the promising impactful practices changing lives inside and outside the classroom. For our launch, ACCJC is proud to feature articles on Berkeley City College, Diablo Valley College, East Los Angeles College, and Hawai'i Community College. Take a look at [ACCJC On The Move](#), follow us on  [Instagram @accjc_onthemove](#), and please say hello when you see President Powell on campus!

Commission Announcements and Updates

ACCJC Standards Review – Continued Refinement and Moving Toward First Read

The 2024 Standards Review is underway, and the first Town Hall took place in Southern California at North Orange County Community College District on September 19th. Feedback from the listening session and the online comment portal focused on the streamlining of process and the elimination of redundancies, along with specific comments about the need for greater inclusion of student support services (particularly libraries) in the Standards and the evidence checklists. ACCJC Staff and the Standards Review Leadership Team appreciated the comments and issued a second draft version. Since then we have hosted four additional town halls and value the dialogue and feedback. The Standards Review Leadership Team looks forward to continued refinement as it move towards presenting the draft for first read at the January 2023 Commission meeting. If you have not already done so, please consider submitting a comment or attending one of the remaining town halls on November 15th. Complete information is available on the [Standards Review website](#).

Housekeeping: Please Update Your Accreditation Webpage

ACCJC wants to ensure member colleges have the most up-to-date information on their accreditation webpage. Linked please find updated information for the Statement of Accreditation and “About ACCJC” language, a reminder of our new address (as of December 2021), and links to new high-resolution logos to be used by member institutions on their accreditation webpages. [Read more...](#)

Advocacy in Action

ACCJC is a student-centered accreditor, where students are the grounding point for every ACCJC Standard. As the only institutional accreditor solely committed to the community and junior college mission, ACCJC has a unique opportunity to help make sure this mission is respected and honored at the national level. We work with partner agencies to leverage our influence and advocate for the success of all students. Please take a look at recent efforts, including President Powell’s trip to Capitol Hill and meeting with the U.S. Department of Education. [Read more...](#)

Member Focus

Madera Community College Wins \$1 Million Grant from the Lumina Foundation!

This year, the Lumina Foundation launched the Million Dollar Community College Challenge. Hundreds of institutions submitted applications and videos describing their vision for transforming their institution's brand and engaging their communities. Ten colleges were named finalists, including **Madera Community College** and **Long Beach City College**. In August, Lumina Foundation announced Madera Community College as the winner of the \$1 million grant! Please help us continue the celebration and congratulate Madera Community College for this exciting opportunity. If you have not already done so, be sure to watch their [winning video](#) and follow the link to learn more about the challenge, see the announcement of the winner and finalist videos, and to check out news and podcasts featuring Madera Community College. [Read more...](#)

ACCJC in the News

ACCJC Vice President Dr. Catherine Webb Selected for the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship



Please join us in congratulating ACCJC Vice President Dr. Catherine Webb, who was recently named by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program (Aspen) as one of 31 leaders selected for the 2022-23 class of the *Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship*. This program, delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, prepares the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success. [Read more...](#)

Call to Action

CLDE to Host 5 Planning and Action Forums

The [Civic Learning and Democracy Engagement \(CLDE\) Coalition](#), in partnership with the University of Virginia's Karsh Institute of Democracy will hold a series of five Planning and Action Forums — called **College Civic Learning for an Engaged Democracy**. The forums are designed for higher education institutions, policy organizations, and state systems and consortia. ACCJC looks forward to engaging and encourages anyone interested to [learn more and consider participating](#).

Lumina Foundation Offers Branding & Marketing Resources for Community Colleges

In conjunction with the Million Dollar Challenge, the Lumina Foundation is offering online resources for community colleges related to brand development, college website improvement, student engagement and marketing. **Website workshops** and resources are available now, and a **five-course marketing academy** is open for registration, at no cost! More information is available on the Lumina Foundation website at <https://www.luminafoundation.org/challenge/>.

Upcoming Events

ACCJC Continues Standards Review Listening Sessions

ACCJC looks forward to engaging with members of the field and public at regional and virtual town halls and industry events throughout the fall semester. For more information, a calendar of events, and to register for one of the remaining town halls, please visit the **Standards Review website**: <https://accjc.org/standards-review/>.

Virtual Town Hall #3	November 15, 2022, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PST	Online (via Zoom)
Virtual Town Hall #4	November 15, 2022, 5:00-6:00 p.m. PST	Online (via Zoom)

ACCJC Webinar Series – Fall 2022

This fall, ACCJC took a hiatus from the *“Collective Dialogues: Advancing Innovation and Quality with our Institutions”* webinar series to focus our engagement efforts around supporting the 2024 Standards Review process. ACCJC Commissioners and staff look forward to resuming the regular webinar series in the future. For past webinar recordings, [Click here...](#)

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