



Dear colleagues:

We are certainly having a very active year. As individual members, we have been engaged in numerous leadership activities that advance our respective colleges and districts as well as our organization. We will have an opportunity to share our accomplishments at our next meeting at the AACC convention. I trust that most of us will be in attendance. Please note the specifics of our meeting below. The agenda for our meeting will be sent to you in the next two weeks.

Presidents' Round Table of African American CEOs

Monday, April 6
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
Sheraton Hilton Downtown Hotel
Room: Deer Valley

In conjunction with our parent organization, NCBAA, we made a conscious effort to sponsor more sessions. They are listed below. Please support our sessions by attending them and encouraging others to attend as well. Note as well that the original members of the PRT will be honored at the NCBAA awards breakfast on Sunday morning.

AACC EVENTS

NCBAA Reception

Saturday, April 4
8:00 PM to 11:30 PM

Building Blocks for Successful Programs for African American Males

Sunday, 4/5/2009
3:15 PM to 4:15 PM
Room 221C at the Phoenix Convention Center

Tools and Best Practices for Implementing Programs for African American Males

Sunday, April 5
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Room 221C at the Phoenix Convention Center

**NCBAA Awards Breakfast & National Membership Meeting/25th Anniversary –
Presidents' Round Table - Recognition of Founding Members**

Sunday, April 5
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
Camelback Room at the Phoenix Convention Center

Foster Youth Alumni Initiative in Action

Monday, April 6
1:45 PM to 2:45 PM

**Edward Hubbard's Instrument and Its Impact on African American Leaders in
Community Colleges**

Monday, April 6
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Room 232C at the Phoenix Convention Center

WEBINAR

Later this month, our organization will sponsor a webinar on issues related to our African American male initiative. Dr. Eric Gravenberg will send out the marketing notices next week. There will be no cost for participating in the program. Please plan to have individuals at your respective locations participate, if feasible.

OUR 2009 DIRECTORY

You should be receiving two copies of our 2009 directory within the next two weeks. Dr. Ken Atwater, again this biennial, has done an excellent job of providing the leadership for the development of a very professional document for our organization. **Thanks, Ken!**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Ralph Andersen & Associates is assisting the Trustees of the Cerritos Community College District in the recruitment for the position of President/Superintendent. Reporting to a seven-member Board of Trustees, the President will lead a single-campus institution with a current operating budget of \$100 million. Additionally, the District voters passed a \$210 million bond act for building new facilities on campus. The President will oversee approximately 1,260 employees including 288 full-time faculty, approximately 600 part-time faculty, 320 classified staff and a management team of 52. The District is fiscally stable, academically excellent, and growing to meet the needs of an increasing population base.

The Trustees, assisted by a diverse and inclusive Advisory Search Committee, have identified and articulated a number of characteristics desired in the College's next President. The Trustees expect the new President to provide strong leadership in a variety of areas while working collaboratively in a true model of shared governance. If you are interested, submit your credentials for consideration. Application instructions can be found under the Career Opportunities tab at www.ralphandersen.com. This is a confidential search and will be handled as such until strong mutual interest exists and current references need to be checked. As the closing date for the submission of an application is **March 31, 2009**, we urge you to apply as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact either Stan Arterberry, 707-567-4402 or Heather Renschler, 916-804-2885 if you have any questions. Tiffany Taylor, in the corporate office, 916-630-4900, would be pleased to schedule a mutually agreeable time for an initial discussion.

I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!!!

Sincerely yours,



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