



Presidents' Round Table Newsletter

A National Network of African American Community College CEOs

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Middle College Program Expansion at Portland Community College



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All too often, one of the major barriers to higher education is not ability, but access. For several years, the Middle College, an innovative partnership between Portland Community College (PCC) and Portland Public Schools (PPS), has helped students to surmount this barrier by enabling them to earn college credit while still in high school. Two recent developments – the decision to dramatically expand the program and the creation of a new University of Oregon scholarship for Middle College students – have, however, rendered the question of access a thing of the past.

Beginning this fall, the Middle College will expand from an opt-in program to eventually encompass every student at Jefferson High School, the program's home campus on the high school side of the equation (its counterpart is PCC's Cascade Campus). To date, the program has served approximately 30 students per term during PCC's fall, winter and spring terms, and a handful during the summer.

The entirety of this fall's incoming freshman class, and every freshman class thereafter, will be enrolled in the newly rechristened Jefferson High School – Middle College for Advanced Studies. Enrollment preference will be given to students from the Jefferson catchment area, but students from other Portland high schools also will have the opportunity to attend.

By the time students graduate from high school, most will have earned between 12 and 45 college credits at the nearby PCC, Cascade Campus. More ambitious students can have an entire year of college under their belts – or even two, along with an Associate's degree – by the time they finish high school.

This rare opportunity was greeted with a wave of enthusiasm in the Jefferson High School community, from which the Middle College draws its students. Of the Jefferson student body, 83% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and fully 95% of Middle College students are the first members in their families to attend college.

The PCC/PPS Middle College stands out from most other early college programs in that high school students are not segregated from the rest of the mainstream student body. Middle College students take classes right alongside mainstream PCC students, and are encouraged to view themselves as full-fledged members of the Cascade Campus student body, with all commensurate rights and privileges, said program coordinator Damon Hickok.

The opportunity to get an early start in college was an appealing one for students at long-struggling Jefferson, which as recently as last year was under consideration for closure by Portland Public Schools. With declining enrollment and a high dropout rate, the Middle College was a rare bright spot at Oregon's only majority African American high school.

But what a bright spot it proved to be. Since 2007, 99% of Middle College students graduated from high school, compared to 66% across Oregon, while passing 87% of their college credit classes.

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Of these, 72% continued their college studies the following fall, in contrast to a 48% statewide college-going rate. And for the most part, these are not elite students; their mean high school grade-point average is below 3.0.

A crucial component of Middle College's expansion is the participation of Self-Enhancement Inc. (SEI), a local education nonprofit that has supported students in North Portland for nearly 30 years through a combination of individual case management, mentorship, tutoring and structured extracurricular activities. SEI's existing model follows each participating young person from second grade through age 25.

In June, the University of Oregon announced the establishment of a scholarship program for Middle College students that effectively lays out a path from a high school diploma all the way to a baccalaureate degree. Starting in the fall of 2011, Pell Grant-eligible Middle College students who complete at least one year of study at PCC, either while in high school or within one year of graduation, will be able to attend the university for free for up to three years.

"We have had partnerships with local school districts for decades," said Preston Pulliams, district president for Portland Community College. "We also have great partnerships with Oregon's seven universities. This opportunity at Jefferson ramps up those long-standing commitments to blend Oregon education into one seamless team."

Essentially, all tuition and fees will be covered through a combination of federal, state and University of Oregon funds. The university will cover any expenses remaining after federal and state aid is applied. Students are responsible for other costs, such as living expenses and books, which can be covered by other forms of financial aid, such as work study, loans or non-governmental grants and other scholarships.

Plan Now to Attend PRT Fall 2011 Activities in Detroit

The Wayne County Community College District will host our events with Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor, serving as our host.

Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership

October 16-21, 2011, Detroit, MI

Fee: \$1,200

For information, contact Charlene Dukes at cdukes@pgcc.edu or Charlene Newkirk at cnewkirk@ccac.edu.

PRT Business Meeting and Professional Development Activities

October 21-23, 2011 (Noon to Noon)

Fee: none

Hotel: The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit

1114 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226

Call 1-888-627-7150 or 1-800-WESTINI

Group Name: Lakin-NCBAA Leadership Institute

Room Rates: \$129/single, \$209/suites

Cut-off Date: September 30, 2011

All events will be held at The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit Hotel.



Governance Leadership Institute for Diversity

In response to requests from trustees throughout the nation, ACCT will host a two and a half day leadership institute for trustees and presidents on fostering diversity and inclusiveness. This is a unique opportunity for trustees and presidents to focus on proven practices that encourage engagement, as well as strengthen and help trustees carry out their leadership roles.

When: November 10-12, 2011

Where: Latin Quarter of Historic Ybor City
Hillsborough
Community College, Tampa, FL

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn
1700 E. 9th Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605

To register and make hotel reservations visit: <http://acct.kma.net/Institute-on-Diversity> or www.acct.org.

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The Presidents' Round Table:

Dr Aileen Bumphus and I would like to thank the members of the Presidents' Round Table for the wonderful reception given in our honor at the AACC Conference in New Orleans. The event was one of the most memorable in our personal and professional lives. The elegance of the evening coupled with the passionate comments, expressed sentiments, awards and recognitions were all very meaningful and special to us.

It is difficult to find the words to adequately express how significant the evening's events were to us. Certainly, my first AACC convention as CEO was a highlight occasion; the dinner and reception hosted by the PRT not only added to the euphoria, but are now indelibly printed in our minds.

The comments by Helen Benjamin, Ron Wright, Helen McAlpine, Jerry Sue Thornton, Ken Atwater and Andrew Jones were indeed very touching; and who can ever forget the proclamations by DeRionne Pollard and Joe Seabrooks!

Again, my friends, on both Aileen's and my behalf, and from the bottom of my heart, I would like to once again express our thanks and appreciation to all of you for your thoughtfulness, your generosity, and most importantly your support. Please know how much we appreciate all of you, and value what you do on a daily basis in our vineyards to educate the millions of students in our nation's community colleges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Walter G. Bumphus'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'W'.

Walter G. Bumphus
President and CEO

AACC Visits NOCCCD to Listen to Community College Leaders

Three American Association of Community College (AACC) vice presidents visited Fullerton College on July 20 as part of a national listening tour intended to inform the organization about issues facing community colleges around the country.

Though Dr. Walter Bumphus, AACC's president and CEO, was unable to make the trip due to medical reasons, the organization was well represented by top AACC administration:

Dr. James F. McKenney, vice president of economic development and international programs; Norma Kent, senior vice president of communications and advancement; and David Baime, senior vice president for government relations and research.

The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) hosted the event, one of eleven regional stops on the tour. NOCCCD Chancellor Ned Doffoney greeted the 40 Southern California community college presidents, CEOs and representatives who gathered for the morning discussion, saying, "This is a challenging time, but it is also one of great excitement and innovation. By creating a



From left to right: David Baime, Norma Kent, Dr. Ned Doffoney, Dr. James McKinney

forum such as this in which community college leaders can collectively share best practices, AACC has given us a unique opportunity to create a cohesive vision for the next 25 years of American higher education."

AACC kicked off the meeting by detailing some strategies and initiatives on which it is focusing, including President Obama's graduation challenge, gainful employment regulations, and career training grants. The role of the AACC was also discussed, in addition to its member service and support functions.

The NOCCCD event was followed by a similar presentation the following day at the Contra Costa Community College District in northern California hosted by Chancellor Helen Benjamin and Chancellor Brice Harris of the Los Rios Community College District.

After a last listening tour stop in Iowa, the AACC will compile evidence and debate the issues before presenting a final report at the 2012 AACC convention in Orlando, Florida.

Whelan and Jeffery Participate in Drexel University Event

Dr. Belle Whelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and **Dr. Kathryn Jeffery**, president of Sacramento City College, served as panelists on Drexel University's Goodwin College School of Education's first women's leadership forum on August 20, 2011. The panel featured four dynamic women in administrative leadership who have shattered the stained-glass ceiling in the field of education. They shared their stories and strategies of what it takes to reach the top in academic leadership. Other panelists were **Victoria Rosario** – Ms. Rosario serves as the associate vice chancellor of student services at Los Rios Community College District; and **Jo Ann Yee**, assistant executive director, organizational development and urban affairs at Drexel.



Dr. Belle Whelan



Dr. Kathryn Jeffery

PRT Website



The PRT website <http://www.ccc.edu/roundtable/> contains a wealth of information, including a library of archived PRT newsletters <http://www.ccc.edu/roundtable/Newsletter.asp>. This library of newsletters provides information on the successes of previous Lakin Institutes, the comings and goings of your constituencies, and new CEO appointments and retirements. You have access to the PRT directories (2003-11) where, with a simple search, you can locate information relating to every PRT member from 2003 to the current 2011 directory, http://www.ccc.edu/roundtable/files/PRT_2011_Directory.pdf. Also available with a simple click of your mouse are the PRT meeting minutes, finance reports, membership forms, major reports delivered by the PRT, and links to major related websites.

Constance Carroll Sworn in and Reporting on Her First NCH/NEH Meeting

Nominated by President Obama in 2010, confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 26, 2011, and after undergoing 15 months of vetting and confirmation, Dr. Constance Carroll, along with four other Obama nominees, was officially sworn in on July 14, 2011, as a member of the National Endowments for the Humanities (NEH) advisory board. Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the NEH supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. The advisory board, called the National Council on the Humanities (NCH), consists of 26 distinguished citizens and meets three times a year to review the grant applications and to advise the NEH chairman.



Dr. Constance Carroll sworn in by NEH Chairman

Reporting on her first meeting with the NCH, Dr. Carroll noted that the NEH has had a rough ride at times and stated, "...this period is one of those cycles, with huge budget cuts and political pressures that can threaten proposed inquiry into some of the more controversial and sensitive topics in the humanities fields. Our incoming group may represent some changes in perspective. There were two Obama appointees last year to which our group of five has now been added."

Dr. Carroll noted that the actual work is fascinating, commenting that, "Proposed projects are presented in hundreds of grant applications in various categories from the 50 states and six territories, including universities, four-year and community colleges, public humanities councils, museums, libraries, historical societies, and a host of nonprofits that focus on humanities or humanities-related topics. Some of the projects are modest in scope, while others are expansive. In the end, we made hard choices in recommending millions of dollars in grant awards to a large number of institutions. Our only regret was having to deny so many other worthwhile proposals."

Introducing the 2011-12 AACC Board of Directors

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Gueverra Receives Honorary Doctorate

At the May 2011 commencement exercises at Newberry College, Dr. Jonathon Gueverra was awarded a doctorate of humane letters from Newberry College for his leadership and service to the community. Dr. Hannah M. McCarthy, Newberry College president, commended Dr. Gueverra for living the college mission of "lifelong learning and social responsibility making certain that educational opportunity remains open for all."



Dr. Gueverra poses with the college president and the chair of the board of trustees.

SUNY Sullivan President Dr. Howard-Golladay Retires

Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay, president of State University of New York – Sullivan (SUNY Sullivan), retired August 31, 2011, after serving as president since 1998. During her tenure, Dr. Howard-Golladay secured the largest donation in the history of the college – a \$2 million gift plus an additional \$1 million match from The Gerry Foundation – in April 2001. This donation went toward building the Lazarus I. Levine Residence Hall.



Dr. Howard-Golladay

Prior to becoming president of SUNY Sullivan, Dr. Howard-Golladay served as dean of the Division of Business, Science, Mathematics and Technology at the Germantown campus of Montgomery College in Maryland from 1994-1998. Preceding that, she was dean of the School of Health Sciences and Vocational Education at Mott Community College in Michigan for four years.

Dr. Howard-Golladay received her Ph.D. in administration in higher education from the University of Alabama (UA). In addition, she holds a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) and a master of arts degree in educational administration, also from UA. She has a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama, as well as an associate of science degree in nursing from Pensacola Junior College in Florida.

CSC President Donnie Nero Retires

Connors State College (CSC) President Donnie Nero announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2011, after serving 11 years as president. But, his plans sound like anything but retirement. Dr. Nero's passion is to preserve the legacy of outstanding African American educators in the state of Oklahoma. He is president of the Oklahoma African American Educators and has been instrumental in seeking a permanent home for an Oklahoma African Education Hall of Fame. As president of the organization, he has played a major part, as well as its board of directors, in raising the funds needed to build the Hall of Fame. Dr. Nero also comments that he'll "...probably be involved in some consulting



Dr. Donnie Nero

services and will be focusing on working with youth in the community in various capacities and mentoring."

Dr. Nero was the first African American president of CSC and of a state junior college in Oklahoma. He began his career in education in 1971 at Sapulpa Public Schools as a social studies teacher and held his first administrative position as assistant principal at Sapulpa Middle School. He earned his doctorate in occupational and adult education from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in 1993, his master's degree in educational administration at OSU in 1977, and his bachelor's degree at East Central University in Ada in 1971.

CEO Appointments

Kansas City Kansas Community College Names New President

Dr. Doris F. Givens was unanimously selected to be the next president of Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC), beginning her new duties on August 8, 2011. Givens, vice chancellor for educational services for the Kern Community College District in Bakersfield, CA, will be the first woman and the first African American to be president in the college's history. Givens will take over KCKCC at a pivotal time. The school is experiencing unprecedented growth, with a 20 percent increase in full-time-equivalent students during the fall semester. About 7,600 students attend the school.



Dr. Doris Givens

College board member Wendell Maddox said he was impressed because, "she has a history of being a bridge builder between board members, staff and faculty." Givens helped to erase a \$500,000 deficit while serving as president of Spokane Community College in Spokane, WA, KCKCC officials said. As interim president of Los Angeles City College, Givens said she helped ease communication and trust issues between the faculty and the administration.

Givens has a bachelor's degree in speech communication and a master's degree in counselor education from San Diego State University. She earned her Ph.D. in community college leadership public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Givens is also a graduate of the first class (1994) of the Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership.

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Dr. Joann Boyd-Scotland Selected as Interim President at Denmark Technical College

Formerly retired Dr. Joann Boyd-Scotland says she never lost her love for Denmark Technical College, which she led for nearly 15 years. Boyd-Scotland started her tenure as president in 1993 when the college had little money and many needs. Upon retirement, Commissioners voted unanimously to bestow the title of president emeritus on her, a lifelong title bestowed on a former president who serves with distinction. Selected on June 21, 2011, as the new interim president for Denmark Technical College, she has now come out of retirement as Denmark Technical College seeks to improve its finances and find a new leader.

Dr. Boyd-Scotland earned her Ph.D. in education curriculum and instruction-administration from Kansas State University, KS; her master's degree in education guidance and counseling from Jackson State University, MS; and her bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS.

Dr. Belinda Miles Named New Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Belinda Miles has been named the new executive vice president of academic and student affairs at Cuyahoga Community College. She has provided administrative leadership since 2000, serving as the assistant dean of liberal arts at the Metropolitan Campus. Assuming progressive levels of leadership, she became dean of academic affairs at the Eastern Campus in 2004 and Eastern Campus president in 2006.

Prior to beginning her 11-year tenure, Dr. Miles was a manager of staff and special projects at Columbia University (New York), and, prior to that assignment, she was project director of Queens School-to-Work Opportunities at LaGuardia Community College in the City University of New York.

Dr. Miles possesses an impressive academic background having earned her doctorate degree in higher administration at Columbia University, New York; masters degree in educational psychology at Columbia University, New York; and her bachelor's degree in political science at York College, City of University of New York.

She has published many articles, delivered educational presentations over two decades, and received numerous honors and awards for her leadership and service in educational arenas. These all reflect her knowledge base, experience and commitment to higher education, in general, and community colleges, in particular.



Dr. Belinda Miles

Have You Paid Your PRT Dues Yet?

Get connected with other sitting and retired African American U.S. community college CEOs; share experiences; learn about additional career opportunities; get involved with PRT's nationwide initiatives; and support PRT's efforts to mentor new CEOs and aspiring leaders.

Please consider joining, or rejoining, the PRT, an affiliate of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Focused on providing a vital network for African American CEOs in community colleges across the nation, the PRT has been in existence for over 25 years. Following are two major efforts on which the PRT continues to concentrate.

1. Preparing senior level African American administrators to become CEOs in community colleges: during the past 15 years, the PRT's Lakin Institute has established a tremendous track record of providing professional development opportunity and mentoring 230 senior-level administrators with nearly one-quarter of them becoming CEOs.
2. Addressing critical national agendas facing African Americans in higher education. In 2008, the PRT launched the African American Male Initiative (AAMI), taking on a national agenda focused on the plight of African American males' successful attainment of education and career goals.

PRT's effectiveness is predicated on the active support of its members. PLEASE JOIN. Together, we can continue our important work during 2011-12. Go to the PRT website to access a membership form: <http://www.theprt.org>. There are various levels of support. And, if joining as an Individual or Associate, your donation may be tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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