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## Sharing Our Collective Knowledge

DEAR ACCT MEMBERS,

IN LAST WINTER'S ISSUE OF *TRUSTEE Quarterly*, we published an article by George Boggs and Maria Sheehan about the importance of protecting the well-being of your CEO. Lawrence Nespoli and Deborah Preston were inspired by that article to write in this issue about the importance of onboarding and development for new college CEOs — getting them off to a strong start by establishing holistic well-being from the beginning.

This issue also features another great article from Boggs and Michael Gavin on the role of governing boards in promoting student engagement and responsibility — namely, ensuring that community college students vote this November. The timing couldn't be better, and the message couldn't be more important.

A survey of ACCT's members conducted last fall showed that *Trustee Quarterly* is one of the most important resources we offer our members. I am especially excited to see articles by our members and colleagues inspire other authors — and to see this magazine serve as a forum for thoughtful dialogue and shared knowledge among our membership and into the greater community college and higher education policy fields.

In this issue, you will notice an emphasis on students — from a profile of an outstanding Northern Virginia Community College student by ACCT's own Kali Woods and a discussion of how community colleges are uniquely positioned to support Latino students by Deborah Santiago to Randall J. VanWagoner's and Tony Colón's experiences with an exciting new screening tool to

support student well-being. Students are at the center of everything our institutions do, and while they may not be present in every boardroom, they should be on every trustee's mind during every board gathering.

AI and emerging technologies also are on all our minds today, and this issue features a related discussion by New America's Shalin Jyotishi about the role of trustees in innovation and pathways to the future of work, as well as an important framework for how to modernize campus facilities in the era of smart technologies by college chancellor Lee Lambert and industry leader Michael Hines.

We can only fit so much content into any given issue of *Trustee Quarterly*, so I hope you are taking advantage of ACCT's other means of educating our members — especially ACCT Connect and our events, including the ACCT Leadership Congress, the Community College National Legislative Summit, and Governance Leadership Institutes. Each of these events is designed to fortify your knowledge, and the collective knowledge of our sector.

Thank you for all you do for your colleges and your students. I look forward to seeing you in Seattle this fall at the ACCT Leadership Congress.

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