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## Summit at a Glance

All meetings take place at the Marriott Marquis Hotel unless otherwise noted.

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### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
**ACCT Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Registration**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**New Trustee Academy\*\***

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Advocacy Leadership Academy\*\***

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
**AACC/ACCT Executive Committees Meeting** (invitation only)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
**State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network Meeting**

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
**ACCT Regional Nominating Committees Meeting**  
(invitation only)

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM  
**Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:45 AM  
**Opening General Session**

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM  
**Community College Priorities Session**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Roundtable Seminar for Community College Lawyers**

12:30 PM – 2:15 PM  
**General Session Luncheon\***

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM  
**ACCT Advisory Committee of Presidents Meeting** (invitation only)

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
**Policy Focus & Concurrent Sessions**

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Student Trustee Advisory Committee Meeting and Student Advocacy Workshop**

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM  
**ACCT Constituency Group Meetings**

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM  
**Policy Focus & Concurrent Sessions**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM  
**Rural on the Rocks and State Receptions**

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
**National Capital Reception**

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
**State Breakfast Meetings**

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
**Registration**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
**General Session**

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
**Corporate Council Roundtable Meeting** (invitation only)

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM  
**Resource Development for Rural Community Colleges**

MORNING + AFTERNOON  
**Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Branch Offices**

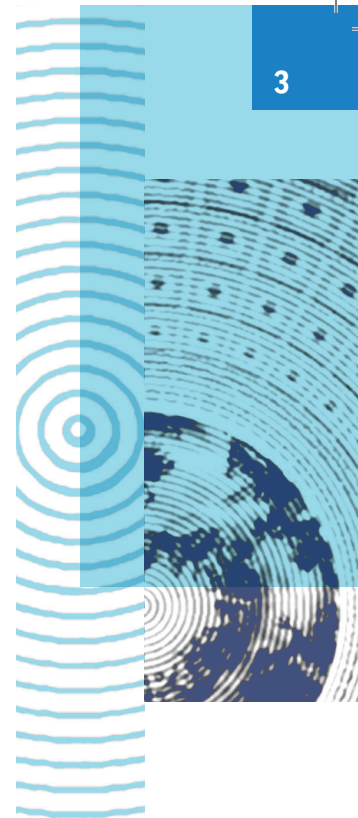
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
**Capitol Hill Forum**  
*Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), Room HVC 201 (on the House side of CVC)*

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**Capital Awards Banquet\***

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM  
**General Session Breakfast\***

MORNING + AFTERNOON  
**Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Branch Offices**



## Helpful Information

### TICKETS FOR MEALS

Tickets are required for the General Session Luncheon (Monday), Capital Awards and Entertainment Banquet (Tuesday), and the General Session Breakfast (Wednesday). If you have not purchased tickets in advance and wish to attend, you may purchase tickets at the Summit Registration Desk. If you have purchased a registration package your badge will have a stamp in lieu of separate paper tickets.

### BADGES

During the sessions, please wear your badge as a courtesy to fellow registrants and as an indication that your registration has been completed. It is not advisable to wear your badge away from the hotel except during Capitol Hill visits.

### EVALUATION FORMS

Evaluation forms can be filled out electronically via the ACCT App. Please fill out the forms on the App before or shortly after the close of the Summit. Please ask any ACCT staff for help if any issues with the evaluation forms arise.

### TRAVELING AROUND DC

A map of Capitol Hill can be found near the back of this program. Maps of the Summit hotel floor plan can be found in the ACCT App.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE SUBWAY (METRO) FROM HOTEL

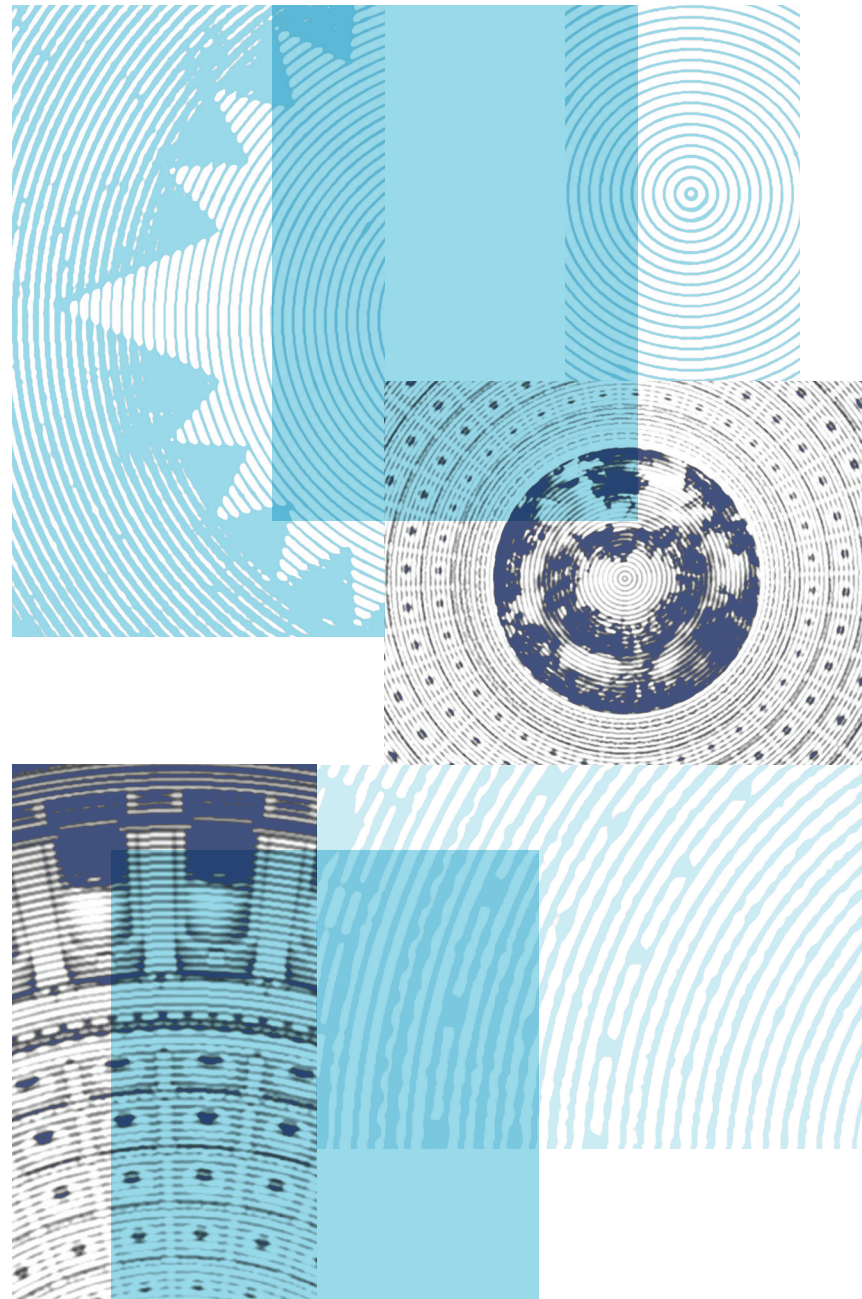
The Marriott Marquis is in close proximity to two Metro stations:

#### Mount Vernon Square / Convention Center

at the intersection of M Street and 7th Street, NW (0.3 miles)

#### Gallery Place / Chinatown

at the intersection of G Street and 9th Street, NW (0.4 miles)



### SUBWAY DIRECTIONS TO THE SENATE SIDE

From Mount Vernon Square / Convention Center take a Yellow or Green Line train in the direction of Huntington or Branch Avenue, and transfer at the Gallery Place / Chinatown to the Red Line.

Once at Gallery Place / Chinatown (either by walking or transferring trains), take the Red Line in the direction of Glenmont to Union Station.

Exit at Union Station via Massachusetts Avenue.

At the top of the escalators, turn toward the rear and you will be facing the Capitol. Go left, and walk around Union Station Circle to First Street, NE.

Proceed south two blocks to the intersection of First and C Streets, NE. The Russell Senate Office Building is on the southwest corner at the intersection.

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Once at L'Enfant Plaza, take the Orange, Blue, or Silver Line in the direction of New Carrollton or Largo Town Center.

Exit at Capitol South Station.

After you leave the Metro station, keep walking in the direction you exited (up the hill on First Street, SE), one block to Independence Avenue.

The Cannon House Office Building is on the corner of Independence and First Streets, SE.

The Longworth House Office Building is one block west on Independence Avenue. The Rayburn House Office Building is two blocks west. (See map inside this program or your ACCT App).

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**HEATHER  
LONG**

Columnist at *The Washington Post*  
and contributor to Marketplace Radio

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**MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 10**

**12:30 PM – 2:15 PM**

**AN EXPERT ON THE ECONOMY,** Heather appears regularly on MSNBC, Fox Business and Marketplace Radio to break down the numbers. Heather joined *The Washington Post* in 2017 as the lead U.S. economic correspondent. She led coverage of the Trump tax cuts and trade wars, the Federal Reserve, and the pandemic recession. She was among the first to identify the “K shaped” recovery and Great Reassessment of work. She also served on the editorial board from late 2021 to September 2024. Heather is a former CNN reporter and opinion editor of her hometown paper, *The Patriot-News* in Harrisburg, Pa. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Heather has served on the boards of Wellesley College and Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa.

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## National Education Service Award



**CONGRESSMAN  
GUS BILIRAKIS**  
(R-FL)

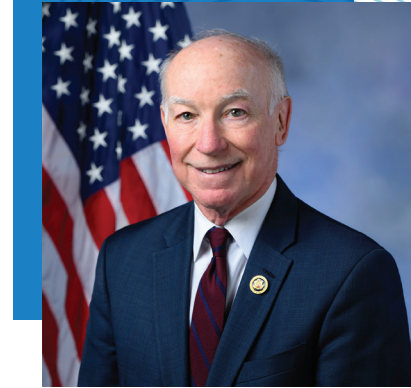
Florida's 12th  
Congressional District

✕ @REPGUSBILIRAKIS

**CONGRESSMAN GUS M. BILIRAKIS** is a Republican representing Florida's 12th Congressional District, which includes all of Citrus and Hernando counties and most of Pasco County. He was first elected to Congress on November 7, 2006. Congressman Bilirakis serves as a Senior Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. He is the Chairman of the Innovation, Data and Commerce Subcommittee. He is also a senior member of the Health Subcommittee and the Communications and Technology Subcommittee. With 75 bills he authored signed into law since 2015, Congressman Bilirakis was recently designated as the **Most Effective Republican Lawmaker** in the State of Florida by the Center for Effective Lawmaking at Vanderbilt University.

Working in a bipartisan manner, his main priorities include controlling government spending, creating jobs for middle class Americans, finding ways for government to operate smaller and smarter, and lowering taxes. He is also committed to strengthening homeland security, improving education, increasing access to quality health care, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, protecting Veterans' benefits, ensuring the long-term viability of Social Security and Medicare, and improving emergency preparedness and response.

Congressman Bilirakis also serves as the Co-Chair of the House Community College Caucus, which was established to raise awareness about the unique role community colleges play in the American educational system, as well as provide a forum for Members to identify and discuss issues affecting these institutions.



**CONGRESSMAN  
JOE COURTNEY**  
(D-CT)

Connecticut's 2nd  
Congressional District

✕ @REPJOECOURTNEY

**CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY** was elected in 2006 to represent the Second Congressional District of Connecticut in the House of Representatives. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Congressman Courtney is the Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. From 2018–2022, Courtney served as Chairman of the Subcommittee.

Congressman Courtney also serves as the Co-Chair of the House Community College Caucus, which was established to raise awareness about the unique role community colleges play in the American educational system, as well as provide a forum for Members to identify and discuss issues affecting these institutions.

As a senior member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, Congressman Courtney has championed investments in workforce development initiatives. These initiatives ensure students can access the skills they need through institutions of higher education and training programs that meet employer and employee needs.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

- 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM**      **Meeting: ACCT Board of Directors**  
Marquis Salon 8, 9, & 10, Meeting Level 2
  
- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**      **Registration**  
Marquis Salon 16 & 17, Meeting Level 2
  
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**      **New Trustee Academy\*\***  
Liberty Salon I, J, K, & L, Meeting Level 4
  
- 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**      **Advocacy Leadership Academy\*\***  
Liberty Salon M, N, O, & P, Meeting Level 4
  
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Meeting: AACCT Executive Committees** (invitation only)  
Marquis Salon 14, Meeting Level 2
  
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**      **Meeting: CCAE**  
Silver Linden, 2nd Floor

# SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

## **Meeting: State, Province, and Territory Coordinators**

George Washington University, Meeting Level 1

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

## **ACCT Regional Nominating Committees Meeting** (invitation only)

Central Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

Northeast Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 10, Meeting Level 2

Pacific Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 9, Meeting Level 2

Southern Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 8, Meeting Level 2

Western Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 7, Meeting Level 2

# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM

## **Registration**

Marquis Salon 16 & 17, Meeting Level 2

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

## **Coffee Service and Pastries**

Foyer, Meeting Level 2

8:00 AM – 9:45 AM

## **Opening General Session**

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT THE ACCT NLS EVENT APP FOR THE FEATURED SPEAKERS IN THIS SESSION**

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

## **General Session: Overview of the 2025 Community College Priorities**

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

Concomitant with the National Legislative Summit is the release of the annual federal legislative priorities for community colleges. The priorities overview is an essential session for community college leaders in preparing for advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill.



# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## Roundtable Seminar for Community College Lawyers

Silver Linden, 2nd Floor

This highly interactive seminar will cover the latest legal developments of importance to the ongoing operation of community colleges and their boards. Topics to be covered this year include First Amendment litigation brought by faculty and staff against community colleges, and additional community college litigation vulnerabilities in the areas of Artificial Intelligence/Cybersecurity, employment law, Title IX developments, and student athlete issues. Two hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit shall be available for lawyers who attend. CLE credit has been granted in the past in all states requiring CLE.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Meeting: New Jersey Community College Student and Alumni Members (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Meeting: Under 45 Caucus

Gallaudet, Level 1

12:30 PM – 2:15 PM

## General Luncheon Session\*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HEATHER LONG

*Columnist at The Washington Post and contributor to Marketplace Radio*

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### WALTER G. BUMPUS, Greetings

President and CEO, AACC

### JEE HANG LEE, Greetings

President and CEO, ACCT

### RICH FUKUTAKI, Presiding

Chair, ACCT Board of Directors

Trustee, Bellevue College, WA

### SUNITA “SUNNY” COOKE, Presiding

Chair, AACC Board of Directors

President, MiraCosta Community

College District, CA

# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

## Meeting: ACCT Advisory Committee of Presidents (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 7, Meeting Level 2

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

## Regulatory Swirl: What's Coming Next from President Trump on Higher Education Regulations

Liberty Salon I, J, & K, Meeting Level 4

This expert panel will examine the aftermath of the many higher education regulations promulgated by President Biden, as well as new regulatory initiatives that may be proposed by President Trump. Topics such as accreditation, gainful employment, online education, Title IX, and others will be covered.

### AVIS PROCTOR, Moderator

President  
William Rainey Harper College, IL  
AACC Board of Directors

### MICHAEL BRICKMAN, Speaker

Adjunct Fellow  
American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

### JODY FEDER, Speaker

Director of Accountability  
and Regulatory Affairs  
National Association of Independent  
Colleges and Universities (NAICU)

### AMY LAITINEN, Speaker

Senior Director, Higher Education  
New America

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

## Policy Focus Session: What Could Federal Workforce Policy Look Like in the 119th Congress?

Liberty Salon M, Meeting Level 4

The 118th Congress culminated with the closest prospects for the reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). However, political factors prevented the inclusion of the proposal in the year-end legislation. Join us for a discussion with national policy experts to discuss the prospects of WIOA reauthorization in the 119th Congress, along with the prospects for other critical workforce development legislations such as apprenticeships, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and workforce Pell.

### RUSSELL LOWERY-HART, Moderator

Chancellor  
Austin Community College, TX  
AACC Board of Directors

### STEVE VOYTEK, Speaker

Federal Policy Advisor  
Advance CTE

### JENNIFER STIDDARD, Speaker

Senior Director, Government Affairs  
Jobs for the Future (JFF)

# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

## Looking Ahead to the 119th Congress: Perspectives from Key Hill Staffers

Liberty Salon L, Meeting Level 4

The beginning of each new Congress brings with it renewed optimism for progress on important issues and a host of questions about what the near future may bring. Leadership changes in key committees, as has occurred in both the House and the Senate education committees, adds to these questions. This session will feature leading higher education staffers to the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee and the House Committee on Education and Workforce. They will discuss their bosses' priorities for the coming year and what may happen on issues such as budget reconciliation legislation, workforce Pell, WIOA reauthorization, other higher education legislation and more.

NOTE: this session will off the record and closed to the press.

### OSCAR VALLADARES, Moderator

Trustee  
Rio Hondo College, CA  
ACCT Board of Directors

### SARA GARCIA, Speaker

Senior Policy Advisor  
Senate Health, Education, Labor,  
and Pensions Minority

### MARY CHRISTINA RILEY, Speaker

Professional Staff Member  
House Committee on Education  
and Workforce Minority

### ANNE DECESARO, Speaker

Education Policy Director  
Senate Health, Education, Labor,  
and Pensions Minority

### RASHAGE GREEN, Speaker

Education Policy Director and Counsel  
House Education and  
Workforce Minority

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

## Enhancing Student Success: CCBC's Innovative Education Strategy

Liberty Salon N, O, &amp; P, Meeting Level 3

With the goal of creating a meaningful and genuine connection with the community, Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) re-imagined its educational footprint. Serving a diverse student body of 2,300 students in a former industrial town north of Pittsburgh, CCBC revolutionized their teaching and learning approach through digital resources that ensure cost and access are never barriers to success. Hear from President Dr. Roger W. Davis about the bold initiatives he launched that revitalized the learning experience, put the college on an upward enrollment trajectory, and helped students "Start Strong, Stay Strong, and Finish Stronger."

### ROGER W. DAVIS, Speaker

President  
Community College of Beaver County, PA

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### STACI POWERS, Speaker

Vice President  
Cengage

# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

## Student Trustee Advisory Committee Meeting and Student Advocacy Workshop

Marquis Salon 9 & 10, Meeting Level 2

This workshop designed for community college students will include a presentation from guest speakers featuring community college alumni currently working at the House of Representatives' Chief Administrative Office to share information on internship and job opportunities at the House of Representatives. The presentation will be followed up by an interactive training on how student-led advocacy can lead to creating positive change for the community college sector. Student trustees will learn how to utilize research in their advocacy, communicate a clear vision to potential allies, and how to collaborate on messaging with existing partners.

### **JEYBEN CASTRO, Speaker**

Community Outreach and  
Engagement Director  
House of Representatives Chief  
Administrative Officer (CAO)

### **BISHER MARTINI, Speaker**

House Intern Resource Office Manager  
House of Representatives Chief  
Administrative Officer

### **ELIZABETH MIHALCEA, Speaker**

Talent and Development Manager  
House of Representatives Chief  
Administrative Officer (CAO)

### **LYNN TINCHER-LADNER, Speaker**

President & CEO  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

## Concurrent Session: Search Services: Best Practices and Services Offered

Marquis Salon 8, Meeting Level 2

Because of the transition taking place in executive leadership, it's critical that your board understands today's rapidly changing leadership landscape. Is your board contemplating a search for a new president? Learn how the board and institution can best prepare for a successful CEO transition. This session will cover best practices in designing an open, equitable, and national search process, how to recruit a highly diverse and competitive candidate pool, and what mistakes boards should avoid.

### **JULIE GOLDER, Moderator**

Vice President of Search Services  
ACCT

### **BARBARA GABA, Speaker**

President  
Atlantic Cape Community College, NJ

### **CONNIE HORNBECK, Speaker**

Board President  
Iowa Western Community College  
and Community Colleges for Iowa  
Representative, IA

### **LUKE ROBINS, Speaker**

ACCT Consultant

# MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

## Concurrent Session: Center for Policy and Practice Update: Practical Solutions for Supporting Community Colleges and Student Success

Liberty Salon L, Meeting Level 3

Providing thought leadership, informed policy development, and policy implementation through project based practical solutions and technical assistance, the Center works to help the membership succeed in serving their communities and students. Come hear more about the Center's purpose, get an update on some of our current projects, and find out how you can get engaged.

### STEVE JURCH, Speaker

Associate Vice President, Center  
for Policy and Practice  
ACCT

### LINDA RHOADS, Speaker

Senior Project Associate, Center  
for Policy and Practice  
ACCT

### MIYA T. SIMPSON, Speaker

Director, Kids on Campus  
ACCT

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

## Meeting: African American Trustees

Georgetown University, Meeting Level 1

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

## Meeting: Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees

Gallaudet University, Meeting Level 1

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## Meeting: Association of Latino Community College Trustees

George Washington University, Meeting Level 1

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## Meeting: Illinois Community College Trustees Association Board of Representatives

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

## Rural on the Rocks

Cherry Blossom, 2nd Floor

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

## Reception: Oregon Community College Association

Mount Vernon Square, Meeting Level 3

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

## Reception: Michigan Delegation

Yardbird East Wing Room

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

## Reception: North Carolina Community College Trustees

Monument, Meeting Level 4

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

## Reception: Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Gallery Place, Meeting Level 3

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

## Reception: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Marquis Salon 14, Meeting Level 2

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

## Meeting: ACCT Constituency Groups

Georgetown University, Meeting Level 1

This is a joint meeting of the African American Trustees; Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees; and Association of Latino Community College Trustees.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

## National Capital Reception

Second Level Foyer, 2nd Floor

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# TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Registration**

Marquis Salon 16 &amp; 17, Meeting Level 2

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

**Breakfast Meeting: New York Community College Trustees**

Mount Vernon, Meeting Level 3

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

**Breakfast Meeting: Texas Association of Community College Trustees**

Liberty Salon M, Meeting Level 4

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Breakfast Meeting: Arizona Association of Community College Trustees**

Silver Linden, 2nd Floor

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Breakfast Meeting: Community College League of California**

Liberty Salon L, Meeting Level 4

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Breakfast Meeting: Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges**

Union Station, Meeting Level 3

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

**General Session**

Marquis Salon 5 &amp; 6, Meeting Level 2

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9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Meeting: ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable Meeting** (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 9, Meeting Level 2

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Morning & Afternoon Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Offices**

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Meeting: LGBTQ+ Caucus**

Marquis Salon 13, Meeting Level 2

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM

**Resource Development for Rural Community Colleges**

Liberty Salon I, J, &amp; K, Meeting Level 4

This will be a listening session and roundtable discussion on critical resource development issues facing rural community colleges. This discussion is targeted for rural community colleges.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meeting: South Carolina Attendees Luncheon**

Capitol Visitor Center

# TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONGRESSIONAL FORUM

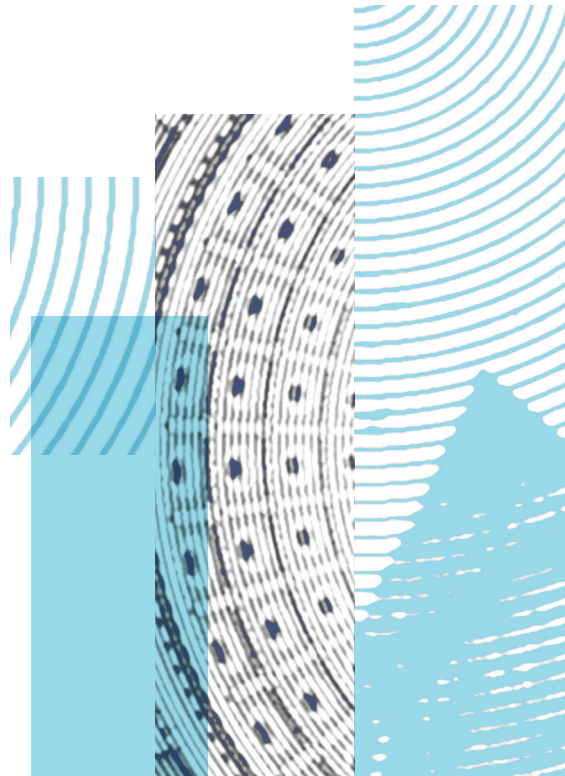
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC 201

**JOIN US ON CAPITOL HILL** as we hear from Members of Congress on their higher education priorities and their vision for community colleges. For a list of speakers, please visit the ACCT NLS Event App.

The Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) is located at the U.S. Capitol and can be reached via subway, taxi, or ride share app. The closest subway station to the CVC is the Capitol South station (see instructions on page 5 for how to get there from the Marriott Marquis, and the map on page 38 to locate the entrance to the CVC).

The public entrance to the CVC requires security checks and metal detectors that can be more restrictive than those located on the House and Senate Office Buildings. Please be mindful of that as you plan your arrival. Alternatively, if you're already in the House or Senate Office Buildings, you can ask the staff of your U.S. Representative or two Senators to escort you to the CVC through the Capitol tunnels (staff escort is required for this option and there is still a security check with metal detectors in this route).

Room HVC 201 is located on the House side of the CVC. Once you have entered the premises, look for one of the appointment desks, you will be asked to present an ID and be given a temporary badge to enter the meeting rooms.



7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### Capital Awards Banquet\*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

#### **KEN SALAZ, MENTALIST & MAGICIAN, MASTER OF ASTONISHMENT** Entertainment

**JESSE PISORS**, Award Presentation  
President  
Pasco-Hernando State College, FL

**JOHN MADUKO**, Award Presentation  
President  
Connecticut State Community College, CT

**RICH FUKUTAKI**, Presiding  
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors  
Trustee, Bellevue College, WA

**SUNITA "SUNNY" COOKE**, Presiding  
Chair, AACC Board of Directors  
President, MiraCosta Community College  
District, CA

### 2025 NATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AWARDEES

**THE HONORABLE GUS BILIRAKIS**  
United States House of Representatives

**THE HONORABLE JOE COURTNEY**  
United States House of Representatives

# WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

## General Session Breakfast\*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

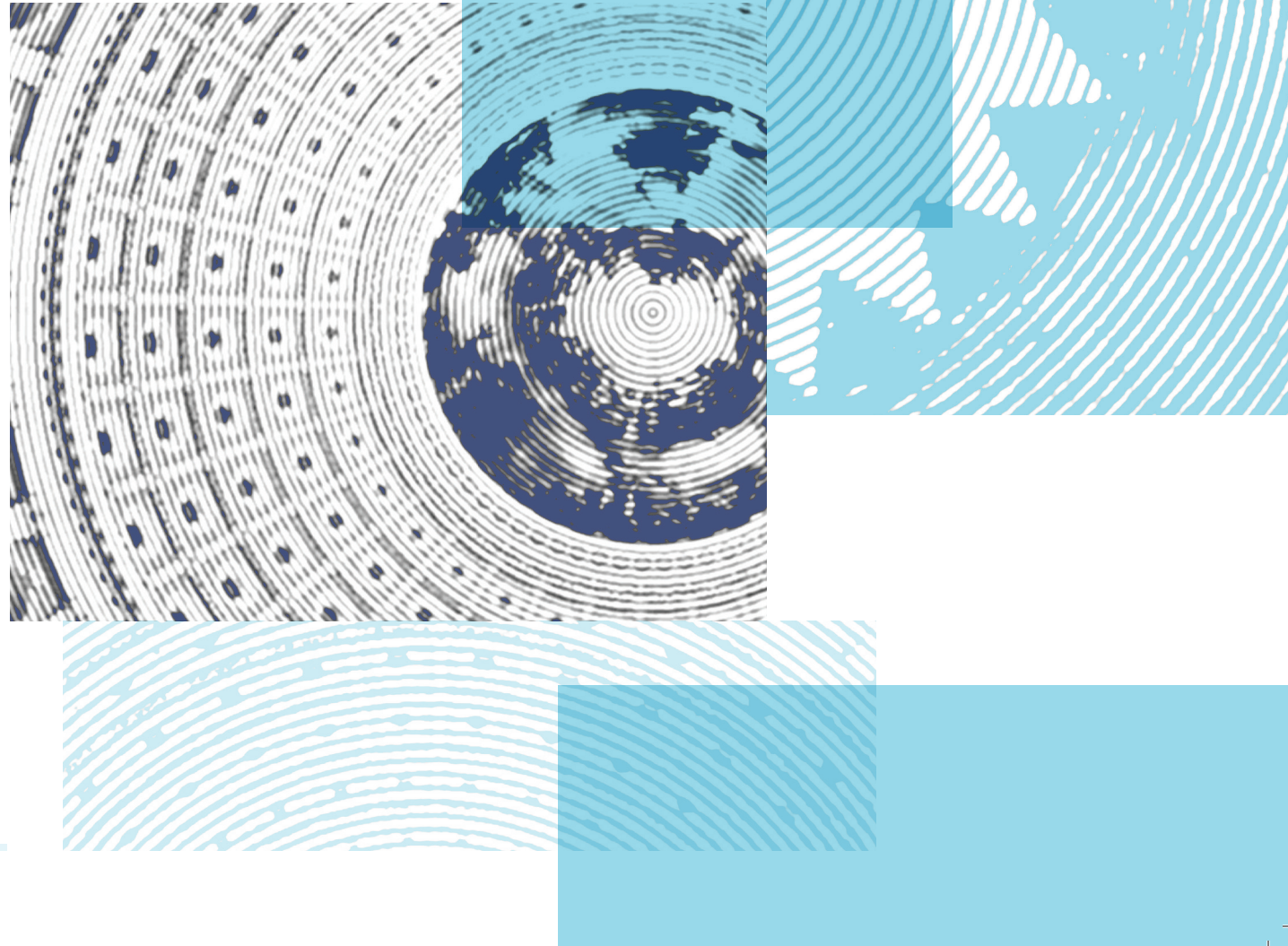
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Chair, ACCT Board of Directors  
Trustee, Bellevue College, WA

**SUNITA “SUNNY” COOKE**, Presiding  
Chair, AACCC Board of Directors  
President, MiraCosta Community College  
District, CA

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## Morning & Afternoon Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Offices





# 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Executive Committee

CHAIR

**RICH FUKUTAKI**

Bellevue College, WA

CHAIR-ELECT

**CAROL DEL CARLO**

Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

VICE CHAIR

**PRETTA VANDIBLE STALLWORTH**

Houston Community College System, TX

SECRETARY-TREASURER

**OSCAR VALLADARES**

Rio Hondo College, CA

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

**JAY NARDINI**

Hawkeye Community College, IA

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