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Please feel free to consult the AGCT App on your mobile device!

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*Tickets Required.
HELPFUL INFORMATION

LOCATION OF MEETING ROOMS:
All meeting rooms are on the ballroom level unless otherwise indicated. Meeting times are subject to change.

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Tickets are required for the General Session Luncheon (Tuesday), Capital Awards Banquet and Entertainment (Wednesday), and the General Session Breakfast (Thursday). If you have not purchased tickets in advance and wish to attend, check at the Summit Registration Desk for ticket availability.

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 are in each participant's materials packet or can be filled out electronically via the ACCT App. Please turn in your evaluation forms to the Summit Registration Desk no later than Thursday at 10 a.m., or mail or fax them to ACCT after the close of the summit.

TRAVELING AROUND DC
Maps
A map of Capitol Hill can be found near the back of the Congressional Directory. Other maps of the area, metro system, and the hotel can be found in the ACCT App.

Directions to the Subway (Metro) from Hotel
To reach the Metro station from the hotel, exit the 24th Street entrance and turn left. The Metro stop is Woodley Park/Zoo on the Red Line.

Subway Directions to Capitol Hill
Metro pocket guides are available at the Summit Registration Desk.

To the Senate Side
From Woodley Park/Zoo Metro station, 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. The Dirksen Senate Office Building is on the southeast corner. The Hart Senate Office Building adjoins the Dirksen Building. (See map inside this program or your ACCT App.)

To the House Side
From Woodley Park/Zoo Metro station, take the Red Line to Metro Center Station and transfer to either the Orange Line in the direction of New Carrollton or the Blue Line in the direction of Largo Town Center. Exit at Capitol South Station (five stops). 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.)

Taking a Taxi to Capitol Hill
Taxis are readily available at the entrance of the hotel.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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MONDAY

February 10

8:30 A.M. – NOON
Meeting: ACCT Board of Directors
Maryland Suites A, B & C

9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Registration
Convention Registration Desk

4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Meeting: Illinois Community College Trustees Association Committees
Maryland Suite C

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Meeting: Illinois Community College Trustees Association Board of Representatives
Maryland Suites A & B

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Meeting: Illinois Community College Trustees Association Executive Committee
Maryland Suite C

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Reception: Community College Students Meet and Greet
McKinley Room, Mezzanine Level
TUESDAY
February 11

7:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Registration
Convention Registration Desk

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Opening General Session
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Robin M. Smith, Introduction
Chair-Elect, ACCT Board of Directors
Lansing Community College, MI

Norm J. Ornstein, Speaker
Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute
Election Analyst for CBS News
Washington, DC

Norman J. Ornstein is a resident scholar at AEI. He also serves as an election analyst for CBS News and writes a weekly column called "Congress Inside Out" for Roll Call newspaper. He has written for The New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, and other major publications. He regularly appears on television programs such as ABC News's Nightline, PBS's Charlie Rose and The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, where he was recently recognized as the most frequent guest over the program's 30 years. He was the first “pollster” for the Comedy Central network working with Al Franken in 1992, and was the first guest to appear twice on The Colbert Report.

He served as senior counselor to the Continuity of Government Commission, working to ensure that the institutions of government can be maintained in the event of a terrorist attack on Washington. He also co-directed the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project. His leadership in reforming the campaign financing system with a working group of scholars and practitioners helped shape the McCain-Feingold Act, leading the Legal Times to refer to him as "a principal drafter of the law."
9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

**General Session**

Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Matthew Bergheiser, Introduction
Chair, Community College of Philadelphia, PA

Michael A. Nutter, Speaker
Mayor of Philadelphia, PA

Sworn in for a second term in January 2012, Michael A. Nutter has set an aggressive agenda for America’s fifth largest city — improving high school graduation and college attainment rates, vowing to strengthen community policing through Philly Rising, a unique partnership between vulnerable neighborhoods and the City, and continuing to implement the nationally recognized GreerWorks Philadelphia initiative that is helping to make the City of Philadelphia become the greenest city in America. Born in Philadelphia and educated at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Michael Nutter has been committed to public service since his youth in West Philadelphia. He served almost 15 years on the Philadelphia City Council, earning the reputation of a reformer, before his election as Mayor of Philadelphia. In June 2013, Mayor Nutter concluded his year-long tenure as president of the United States Conference of Mayors.

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**SEMINAR**

Round Table for Community College Lawyers
Delaware Suite A

Ira Shepard, Moderator/Facilitator
ACCT General Counsel; Partner, Saul Ewing, LLP

Rob Exton, Panelist
Partner, Saul Ewing, LLP

The Lawyers Seminar is a two-hour, interactive session that addresses legal issues facing community college legal courses. The seminar will be led by ACCT General Counsel Ira M. Shepard, a partner at Saul Ewing, LLP in Washington, DC. Topics to be discussed include: (1) Conflict-of-interest and ethics issues faced by community college boards and counsel, and (2) the 10 most important labor and employment cases relating to higher education in 2013-14. Two hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit will be available for lawyers who participate in this seminar, including one hour of ethics credit.

CLE for this seminar has been granted in the past in all states that require CLE (currently more than 20 states).
10:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Overview of 2014 Community College Priorities
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Jee Hang Lee, Moderator
ACCT Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations,
Washington, DC

David Baime, Presenter
AACC Senior Vice President for Government Relations & Policy Analysis,
Washington, DC

Jim Hermes, Presenter
AACC Associate Vice President, Government Relations, Washington, DC

Jennifer Stiddard, Presenter
ACCT Senior Public Policy Associate, Washington DC

Laurie Quarles, Presenter
AACC Legislative Resource Associate, Washington, DC

12:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.
GENERAL SESSION LUNCHEON*
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Jane Karas, Presiding
Chair, AACC Board of Directors
President, Flathead Valley Community College, MT

LeRoy Mitchell, Presiding
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee, Westchester Community College, NY

J. Noah Brown, Greetings
ACCT President and CEO, Washington, DC

Walter G. Bumphus, Greetings
AACC President and CEO, Washington, DC
David Leonhardt, Moderator
Former Washington Bureau Chief, 
*The New York Times*, Washington, DC

David Leonhardt is the managing editor of a new website for *The New York Times* covering politics and policy, scheduled to begin in 2014. He was previously the paper’s Washington bureau chief, as well as an economics columnist. He is the author of the e-book, *Here’s the Deal: How Washington Can Solve the Deficit and Spur Growth*, published by The Times and Byliner.

Previously, Leonhardt wrote the paper’s Economic Scene column, focusing on the housing bubble, the economic downturn, the budget deficit, health reform and education. In April 2011, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

Leonhardt also has been a staff writer for *The New York Times Magazine* and helped found the Economix blog. He won the Gerald Loeb Award for magazine writing in 2009 for a *Times Magazine* article, “Obamanomics.” Before joining *The Times* in 1999 as a reporter in the business section, he worked for *Business Week* magazine and *The Washington Post*’s metro section.

Melody Barnes, Speaker
Former Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Washington, DC

Melody Barnes served as assistant to the President and director of the White House Domestic Policy Council (DPC) from January 2009 until January 2012. In that capacity, she provided strategic advice to President Obama and worked closely with members of the Cabinet coordinating the domestic policy agenda across the Administration.

Under Barnes’ leadership, innovative new policies, practices and partnerships were initiated to address significant national challenges. Barnes was instrumental in crafting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including the groundbreaking education reform initiative, Race to the Top. She also worked closely with Education Secretary Arne Duncan to create new partnerships with the private sector that deploy math and science resources and expertise to school districts around the country.

Today, Barnes is a senior director of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm. Barnes provides strategic advice and helps ASG’s clients forge multi-sector partnerships – uniting public, private and civil society sectors to deliver solutions.
Ari Fleischer, Speaker
Former White House Press Secretary
and Spokesperson
CNN Political Analyst, Washington, DC

As former White House press secretary, Ari Fleischer was the primary spokesperson for President Bush and delivered the daily White House briefings from 2001 to 2003.

He previously served as the spokesman for the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign. In his almost four years working for George W. Bush, he served as spokesman during the historic presidential recount, September 11, 2001 tragedy, two wars, and chemical anthrax attacks against the U.S. government in September-October 2001. He is a political analyst for CNN and serves as co-chair of the Republican National Committee’s Growth and Opportunity Project, an initiative to grow the Republican Party and improve future Republican campaigns.

Prior to joining then-Governor Bush’s campaign, Fleischer was the national spokesman and communications director for Elizabeth Dole’s presidential campaign. He has also worked on Capitol Hill as a press secretary to three Congressmen and one United States Senator. Now president of his own firm, Ari Fleischer Communications Inc., he offers advice to clients in the corporate and sports world on how to handle the press.

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
POLICY FOCUS SESSION
Stratification of the Higher Education System
Washington Room 2, Exhibition Level

This panel will discuss the ground-breaking Century Foundation report, Bridging the Higher Education Divide, and ways to address issues related to emerging racial and economic stratification between two- and four-year colleges in the higher education system.

Karen Stout, Facilitator
Member, AACC Board of Directors
President, Montgomery County Community College, PA

Anthony P. Carnevale, Panelist
Director and Research Professor, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, Washington, DC

Anthony P. Carnevale is an internationally recognized authority on education, training and employment. He was appointed by President Clinton as Chairman of the National Commission on Employment Policy. Dr. Carnevale also served as Vice President of the Education Testing Service (ETS) between 1996 and 2003. While at ETS, Dr. Carnevale was appointed by President George Bush to serve on the White House Commission on Technology and Adult Education.
**Louis Sorens**, Panelist  
Vice President, Policy Research and Strategy, American Council on Education, Washington, DC

Louis Sorens joined the American Council on Education (ACE) in June 2013 as vice president for policy research and strategy and head of the Council’s Center for Policy Analysis. With more than 20 years of experience in postsecondary education policy and practice, he is responsible for further positioning ACE as a thought leader on emerging trends in higher education. Soares most recently served as the director of the postsecondary education program and fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP). Prior to CAP, he served as director of business development under Rhode Island Gov. Donald L. Carcieri.

**2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
**POLICY FOCUS SESSION**  
**The Obama Administration’s Higher Education Rating System Proposal**  
Washington Room 4, Exhibition Level

Hear from the U.S. Department of Education about the Administration’s newly proposed college ratings system. This initiative has tremendous implications for all of higher education. The proposed system would evaluate colleges based on access, affordability, and outcomes.

**Daniel J. Phelan**, Facilitator  
Member, AACC Board of Directors  
President, Jackson College, MI

**Jeff Apel**, Panelist  
Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC

As Deputy Under Secretary, Jeff Apel oversees postsecondary student aid policy initiatives that align the efforts of Federal Student Aid, the Office of Postsecondary Education, and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. From 2007 to 2011, Apel worked for Congressman George Miller as a Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Education and Labor, where he led numerous student aid and higher education policy efforts. Prior to working for the House Education and Labor Committee, he was an Assistant Director at the Government Accountability Office’s Education, Workforce, and Income Security group.

**M. Peter McPherson**, Panelist  
President, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities  
Washington, DC

Peter McPherson is president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the nation’s oldest higher education association comprised of public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems. McPherson is also the former chair of the Board of Directors of Dow Jones and Company. He is the founding co-chair of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa. Prior to joining APLU, McPherson was president of Michigan State University for more than 11 years (1993-2004).

**2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
**Meeting: ADCT Advisory Committee of Presidents**  
McKinley Room, Mezzanine Level
2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
SEMINAR
The Pending Exodus of Current Presidents: Conducting an Effective CEO Search
Delaware Suite A

Approximately 500 community college presidents are expected to retire by 2017. Is your board contemplating conducting a search for a new president? Has your board undertaken a succession-planning process? Learn how to get ready for leadership transition, including how to design a search, how to recruit a strong pool of candidates, and what mistakes the board should be careful to avoid.

Narcisa Polonio, Facilitator
ACCT Executive Vice President for Education, Research, and Board Services, Washington, DC

Julie Golder Alion, ACCT Search Services Coordinator, Washington, DC

Laurie Savona, ACCT Operations Officer for Search Services, Washington, DC

John Steinbeck, ACCT Board Leadership Services Specialist, Washington, DC

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: African American Trustees
Virginia Suite B

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: Association of Latino Community College Trustees
Virginia Suite A

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Reception: Asian Pacific Islander and Native American Trustees
Virginia Suite C

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Concurrent Session: Using Board Retreats & Workshops as a Tool for Effective Board Leadership
Delaware Suite C

Explore the many benefits associated with dedicating time and resources to strengthening the board and tackling difficult issues. In this session, we discuss the ways that trustees, presidents, chancellors, and CEOs can engage in processes that strengthen leadership and governance. Hear from ACCT’s team of retreat experts on why, how, and when to organize an effective retreat. This interactive session will focus on assisting participants to design an effective retreat. Topics will include: board development, conflict resolution, succession planning, planned and unplanned transitions, new trustee orientation, and codes of ethics.

Narcisa Polonio, Presenter
ACCT Executive Vice President for Education, Research, and Board Services, Washington, DC

Colleen Allen, Presenter
ACCT Board Program Specialist, Washington, DC
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: Missouri Delegation
McKinnley Room, Mezzanine Level

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: Washington State Trustees Association
Maryland Suite B

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: Wisconsin Delegation
Maryland Suite A

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting: ACCT Corporate Council
Capital Board Room

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Reception: Association of Florida Colleges Trustees Commission
Wilson Suite C, Mezzanine Level

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Reception: New Jersey Council of County Colleges
Marriott Balcony B, Mezzanine Level

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Reception: North Carolina Community College Trustees
Delaware Suite B

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Reception: Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges
Maryland Suite C

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Meeting: California Delegation
Wilson Suites A & B, Mezzanine Level

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
National Capital Reception
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

WEDNESDAY
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7:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
Registration
Convention Registration Desk

7:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.
State Breakfast Meetings at Hotel
California Delegation
Maryland Suites B & C
Michigan Community College Association
Wilson Suite B, Mezzanine Level

Ohio Association of Community College Trustees
Maryland Suite A

Texas Delegation
Virginia Suites A & B

7:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.
Breakfast Meeting: New York Community College Trustees
Stone’s Throw Restaurant

7:30 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.
Breakfast Meeting: Oregon Community College Association
Wilson Suite A, Mezzanine Level

7:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Breakfast Meeting: New Jersey Council of County Colleges
Wilson Suite C, Mezzanine Level

10:30 A.M. – NOON
Senate Congressional Forum
902 Hart Senate Office Building

The two sets of elevators in the Hart Senate Office Building are referred to as the North elevators and the South elevators. Only the North elevators can be used to access the ninth floor meeting room location.

We encourage participants to attend this forum, but please be aware that space is limited. Please plan accordingly.

Ken Atwater, Introduction
Chair-Elect, AACC Board of Directors
President, Hillsborough Community College, FL

The Honorable Marco Rubio (R-FL), Speaker
United States Senate

Serving in the U.S. Senate since 2010, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio was elected under the pledge to reduce congressional spending and protect the free enterprise system. Since his election, Senator Rubio has been a leading voice in Congress on issues ranging from fiscal responsibility to immigration reform. His committee assignments currently include Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Foreign Relations; Intelligence; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Senator Rubio served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 to 2008.
Keith Miller, Introduction
President, Greenville Technical College, SC

The Honorable Tim Scott (R-SC), Speaker
United States Senate

Senator Scott was sworn in to the U.S. Senate in January 2013, after serving South Carolina’s First District in the United States House of Representatives. In the Senate, he has hit the ground running, working to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington, promote job creation and economic growth, and to better provide for the veterans who risked so much to protect our nation. Prior to being sworn in to the Senate, Senator Scott served in the United States House of Representatives from 2011 to 2013, where he was a member of House leadership and sat on the influential House Rules Committee. Senator Scott also served on the Charleston County Council for 13 years.

Marie Foster Gnage, Introduction
Past Chair, AACC Board of Directors
President, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, WV

The Honorable Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Speaker
United States Senate

Senator Lamar Alexander is the Senior Senator from Tennessee. He serves on committees overseeing education, clean air, highways, science, appropriations and the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was elected three times by his peers to serve as Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference—the third-ranking Republican position in the United States Senate and a position he held from 2007 to 2012. He is the only Tennessean ever popularly elected both governor and U.S. Senator.

Senator Alexander served as U.S. Secretary of Education, University of Tennessee president, and professor at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He chaired the National Governors’ Association and President Reagan’s Commission on Americans Outdoors.
LeRoy Mitchell, Introduction
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee, Westchester Community College, NY

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer (D-NY),
Speaker
United States Senate

Over the past three decades in public service, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer has built a reputation as a leader in finding common-sense solutions to national issues and as a tireless fighter for New York. Following the elections of 2006, Senator Schumer was appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Democratic Conference, the number three position on the Democratic Leadership team and a position he continues to hold. In 2009, Senator Schumer was selected as the Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which oversees federal elections, voting rights, campaign finance, and the operation of the Senate complex. After New Yorkers re-elected him for a third term in 2010, Senator Schumer took on an expanded role in the Senate as Chairman of the Democratic Policy and Communications Center.

Marita Rivera, Introduction
Chair, Bunker Hill Community College, MA

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren (D-MA),
Speaker
United States Senate

Elizabeth Warren is the senior U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, and serves on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Senator Warren is known for her consumer advocacy, and her work helped lead to the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. She is a leader on higher education issues, including student loan interest rates, debt relief, and college affordability.

Senator Warren was a law professor for more than 30 years, including nearly 20 years as the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. She taught courses on commercial law, contracts, and bankruptcy and wrote more than a hundred articles and nine books, including two national best-sellers, The Two-Income Trap and All Your Worth.
NOON – 2:00 P.M.
Taste of DC (lunch on your own)

AFTERNOON
Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Offices Begin

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Community College Caucus Reception
2167 Rayburn House Office Building

Special Guest
The Honorable Eric Cantor (R-VA), Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

Representing Virginia’s 7th District, Congressman Eric Cantor has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2001. Congressman Cantor was elected by his colleagues in the House to serve as the Majority Leader for the 112th and 113th Congresses. In Congress, he has earned a reputation as a strategic thinker and ideas-driven conservative. Congressman Cantor has worked to lower taxes, eliminate excessive regulation, strengthen small businesses, and encourage entrepreneurship.

We encourage participants to attend this reception, but please be aware that space is limited. Please plan accordingly.

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Capital Awards Banquet and Entertainment
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Jane Karas, Presiding
Chair, AACC Board of Directors
President, Flathead Valley Community College, MT

LeRoy Mitchell, Presiding
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee, Westchester Community College, NY

2014 NATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AWARD

The Honorable Diane Black (R-TN)  The Honorable Danny K. Davis (D-IL)
U.S. House of Representatives  U.S. House of Representatives

As co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee’s Education and Family Benefits Tax Working Group, Congressman Diane Black and Congressman Danny K. Davis introduced legislation to reform higher education tax credits and provide greater benefits to low-income community college students.
The Student and Family Tax Simplification Act is a bipartisan bill that simplifies education tax benefits and deductions by consolidating them into the existing American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC), creating a single credit for educational expenses and extending these benefits permanently. Community college students would also benefit from increased refundability, and through improved coordination with the Pell Grant.

For their important work on the Student and Family Tax Simplification Act and support of higher education, AACC and ACCT are tremendously pleased to provide Representatives Diane Black and Danny Davis the 2014 National Education Service Award. We applaud them for their bipartisan efforts on behalf of the nation’s students.

**2014 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AWARD**

**Scott Lay,** Introduction  
CEO, Community College League of California, CA

**Debbie Cochrane,** Research Director  
The Institute for College Access and Success, CA

Debbie Cochrane oversees TICAS research and leads its California program. She is an expert on financial aid issues in California, and the primary author of several reports that shed light on the role of financial aid and affordability on college access and success at community colleges. She helps guide the mission of TICAS to enable more underrepresented students to complete meaningful post-secondary credentials without burdensome debt.

As part of her role at TICAS, Cochrane has worked closely with AACC and ACCT in a number of areas including enhancing student aid access and regulations on program integrity. She has helped drive the conversation in California and nationally regarding the role of community colleges in increasing college attainment. Additionally, her research and work on behalf of student aid reform has provided community colleges with important insight on thoughtful borrowing practices.

For these reasons, AACC and ACCT are pleased to provide Debbie Cochrane the 2014 Government Relations Award. We applaud her for all her work on behalf of community colleges and their students, and we value her outstanding leadership.

**Entertainment: The Second City**
THURSDAY
February 13

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
General Session Breakfast
Marriott Ballroom, Salons 2 & 3

Jane Karas, Presiding
Chair, AACC Board of Directors
President, Flathead Valley Community College, MT

LeRoy Mitchell, Presiding
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee, Westchester Community College, NY

Cid Wilson, Introduction
Bergen Community College, NJ

The Honorable Thomas E. Perez, Speaker
U.S. Secretary of Labor

Thomas E. Perez was nominated by President Obama to serve as the nation’s 26th Secretary of Labor, and was sworn in on July 23, 2013. Previously Perez served as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. The Civil Rights Division enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination and uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all who live in America. During his tenure of nearly four years, Perez oversaw the effort to restore and expand the division’s achievements.

He previously served as the Secretary of Maryland’s Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Maryland’s DLLR protects consumers through the enforcement of a wide range of consumer rights laws. He worked closely with business leaders, community colleges and nonprofits on a dramatic overhaul of Maryland’s workforce development system to ensure that workers have the skills to succeed, and employers have the workforce to thrive in the 21st century economy. Perez also co-chaired the Governor’s Council for New Americans, which designed a comprehensive blueprint for ensuring that immigrants living and working in Maryland are a vital component of the state’s economic engine.

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