

## **As the McCormick County representative for Piedmont Technical College, this is how the Trump Administration is Affecting ACCT Nationwide.**

### **Washington Post | How Republicans Plan to Shake Up Pell Grants and Student Loans**

House Republicans are embarking on wholesale changes that could shake up the way students pay for college, advancing a conservative agenda to curtail the federal role in education financing. If new proposals from the Republicans stand, the changes could make borrowing for college more expensive and limit who can get Pell Grants, which deliver vital financial aid to lower-income households. The legislation would restrict access to college financial aid, lowering loan limits for parents and some students.

### **Diverse Issues in Higher Education | Kids on Campus Initiative Shows Strong Progress in Connecting Head Start and Community Colleges**

A national partnership between the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and the National Head Start Association (NHSA) is creating powerful educational opportunities for both young children and their parents through the innovative "Kids on Campus" initiative. The recently released Year One Annual Report details how the five-year project aims to establish at least 50 Head Start childcare centers on community college campuses by 2030, addressing two critical challenges simultaneously: the need for high-quality early childhood education and the barriers

that prevent many student parents from completing their degrees.

## **New America** | How NSF Funding Fuels Workforce Innovation at Community Colleges

For more than 30 years, the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education program has accelerated community college pathways to the future of work. Now that funding is at risk.

ACCT government relations team share monthly update on what is happening in Washington DC that is of relevance to community colleges. In one-hour webinar, attendees will learn about the latest developments coming out of the White House and its agencies, Congress, and the federal courts.

## **Online Event:** Federal Policies Impacting International and Immigrant Students

President Trump in his administration has issued several executive orders and other policies that have impacted both the international and immigrant populations on our community college campuses.

## **Student Loan Cohort Default Rates:** How they can negatively impact community colleges

For the first time in nearly five years, the federal government will begin collecting on defaulted students loans. This impacts over 5 million borrowers with an additional 9 million borrowers in danger of default. The return to student loan repayment and collections impacts colleges and future cohort

default rates. Colleges must now learn how the return to student loan collections could affect their institution, what a cohort default rate is, how it's calculated, and what colleges can do to support their student borrowers.

**Free webinars coming up in June. If interested text me directly and I will share the information.**

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