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President's Message **Dr. Carolyn O'Daniel** NN2 President

What a wonderfully busy year it's been for NN2, and how fortunate I feel to be president of NN2 at such a time of opportunity and growth for our organization. Your Board and other organizational leaders have been working hard to support and promote our programs, institutions, and issues. Let me just highlight a few of the activities I'm excited about.

NN2 is proud to be supporting ten colleges in the DOL-funded "Health Pathway Partners" (H2P) collaboration to strengthen health career education in two-year colleges. Along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, the Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM, and a number of other prominent national organizations, NN2 is supporting and will provide a venue for dissemination of the results of this important work. Attend the October Conference in Annapolis MD to learn about the eight strategic initiatives being developed/adopted for achieving this transformation.

NN2 was an active participant in the recent annual AACC meeting in Orlando. We were part of a panel called "Code Blue: Data Defibrillator and Strategies to Support Presidents in Keeping Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Professions 'Healthy'", a presentation designed to heighten awareness among presidents and arm them with data and tools for combating misinformation and attacks on the associate degree level. NN2 also sponsored a panel session



"Toward a National Health Career Core Curriculum: What, Why, and How?" In addition to these two sessions, NN2 was represented on the AACC's Licensure Committee and on the Commission on Economic and Workforce Development. As one of about thirty affiliated councils of AACC, NN2 enjoys many benefits of affiliation, and great support for our shared interests.

NN2 has five commissioners appointed to CAAHEP, two of whom are members of the CAAHEP Board of Directors. CAAHEP Past-President Lacheeta McPherson, who has given outstanding leadership service to NN2 and to CAAHEP for many years is the outgoing CAAHEP Commissioner and Past-President. Our newest Commissioner will be Greg Ferenchak whose term begins as Dr. McPherson ends hers. Your President was elected to the CAAHEP Board, to begin just before her term as NN2 President is due to wrap up, and will serve along with NN2 Commissioner Cynthia Butters. The other two NN2 CAAHEP Commissioners and Dr. Anne Loochtan and Dr. Marianne Krismer. Congratulations to Dr. Ferenchak on his new appointment to the CAAHEP Commission and to Dr. Loochtan on her election to the Health Professions Network Board. Dr. Collins has been nominated by the NN2 Board

to serve on the CoARC Board. We are so fortunate to have such outstanding leaders as these in NN2.

NN2 and ASAHP issued a joint position statement: "NN2 and ASAHP share a common interest in helping students successfully transition from 2-year to 4-year institutions in pursuit of their educational and health career goals. In order to promote pathways that foster educational progression, NN2 and ASAHP encourage collaboration among institutions to promote transferability of credit, and facilitate articulation between 2-year and 4-year programs, that is designed to minimize overlap and unnecessary redundancy whenever feasible."

NN2RC, the new respiratory care organization whose beginnings date back to the 2010 NN2 Conference in Louisville, KY, continues to grow and is planning its second annual conference in Chicago in June. I hope you and/or your respiratory care faculty will be attending to support the only national organization that supports continuation of the associate degree as the entry level for respiratory care.

On a sadder note, Julia Harryman has had a change in employment that necessitated her resigning as chair of the Emerging Issues Committee, so a leadership opportunity has emerged for another NN2 member who wants to become more active. Geneva Baker is the Board Liaison for this committee, so please let Geneva know if you're interested in this position. Finally, let me once again encourage you to plan now for the annual NN2 Conference in Annapolis this October, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, conduct our first Awards Banquet, network with some of the best and brightest allied health and nursing leaders in the country, and enjoy cutting edge sessions to help us keep abreast of the latest trends, issues and developments. I hope you can see from this snapshot of recent activity, NN2 provides what our website claims: collective voice – common purpose.

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From AACC's Community College Times

"The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking help from community colleges to make military veterans aware of new job training benefits, including the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program." Check the AACC website for more information. www.aacc.nche.edu

Also from AACC: AACC's "FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE is now available online. It contains the latest information on public policy and legislation

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The Aging Worker Initiative and Tapping Mature Talent

By Lois Simmons, NN2 Board Member-at-Large

Background:

The graying of America is upon us. Between 2006 and 2016, the number of workers aged 55 and over is predicted to increase by 36.5 percent. To investigate ways to serve the older worker population and to develop models that could be adapted by local workforce boards, the Department of Labor and the Atlantic Philanthropies invested nearly \$1 million in each of 10 three-year projects in the Aging Worker Initiative (AWI). The grants targeted older adults who had been laid off and were seeking re-employment, or who needed to stay in the workforce but needed additional skills training, or who needed to overcome barriers such as disabilities or language proficiency. For more information, see http://www.doleta.gov/reports/dpld_older_worker.cfm.

The Center for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has collected a list of lessons learned from the ten sites that participated in the AWI. CAEL hopes to use this list to understand the factors that are causing more mature adults to continue working, the value that these workers contribute to the economy, and the challenges that they face in seeking and retaining employment. To help with this understanding, CAEL invited

national leaders in this field to prepare four papers for publication. These papers are collected under the title "Tapping Mature Talent: Policies for a 21st Century Workforce."

I attended this presentation as the representative from NN2 on May 3, 2012. The purpose of the seminar was to evaluate the draft summary for those four papers, and to validate the state and national policy recommendations that are a part of the executive summary. The seminar was sponsored by CAEL and the National Governors Association and was held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The day began with a plenary session and two panel discussions. The first panel shared thoughts about the value of mature workers. These panelists were Ray Marshall, former Secretary of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor and Dick Wilkerson, Former Chairman and President, Michelin North America. Why is this topic important to governors? These facts were shared by the panel:

- By 2020, 43 states will have 15% of the workforce as older workers.
- Talent shortages will develop because 47% of state workers are 45+.
- During the recession, older workers had a much more difficult time finding jobs. The 55+ group was the most likely group to be unemployed for over 1 year.

During a discussion of the barriers that have been identified as affecting older workers, these issues were shared:

- Retirement policies – benefit plans are based on years of work, so there is no incentive to continue working past retirement and there is no provision for phased retirement.
- Healthcare policies
- Negative perceptions about older workers, that they are adverse to change or inflexible
- Older workers want more flexible work schedules, which are not often available; and

- There are few opportunities for employment that take advantage of their skill sets.

If a couple is age 65, there is a greater than 50% chance that one of them will live to age 90. Seventy-five percent of retirees want to work after retirement, but only about 25% of them do. Older workers are better at almost all measures, such as interpersonal skills, workplace discipline, etc. than their younger counterparts. Both speakers saw community colleges as a way to meet the national lack of a strong apprenticeship program. They emphasized the use of National Skills Standards and accountability for the training that these students receive.

The second panel discussed the implications for public policy at the national level. The participants were Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor and Kathy Greenlee, Administrator, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The facilitator for both sessions was Peter Capelli from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Kathy Greenlee recommended this book about older workers: [The Third Chapter: Passion, Risk & Adventure in the 25 years after 50.](#) She pointed out that when longevity increased, we expanded this time period, not the end of life years. We have the healthiest generation of people aged 50-75 ever, who are ready to assist the economy; but they want changes in healthcare policy, care-giver support, and part-time employment options.

During the breakout sessions, the attendees divided into three groups and worked as smaller groups to evaluate the policy proposals from the draft executive summary from the perspective of employers, the workers, or the workforce system. After the breakout sessions, the entire group convened again to hear the outcomes from the group discussions. CAEL expects to publish these papers over the summer and early fall. Watch for them

at the CAEL website
<http://www.cael.org>.

The aging of the workforce will affect us all, either as younger workers left behind with inadequate training to compensate for the brain drain, or as older workers who really want or need to work after retirement. Employers need to recognize the value of older workers and create work environments where their contributions are valued. We all need to urge our government representatives to create policies that favor the employment of older workers.

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Capitol Hill Briefing Focuses on Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Personnel Standards

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By Fred Donini-Lenhoff

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists hosted a Capitol Hill briefing on May 17 to educate lawmakers and their staffs about the role of the diagnostic imaging team and the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence (CARE) in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill, H.R. 2104.

Sponsored by Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga., the briefing featured speakers from the ASRT, American College of Radiology, Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance and the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM). The speakers described the roles of each member of the diagnostic imaging team and explained how the CARE bill will help improve the quality of diagnostic images, resulting in better patient care and reduced Medicare costs.

The CARE bill, supported by 35 health care organizations, would set federal education and certification standards in the Medicare program for the technical personnel providing, planning and delivering medical imaging and radiation therapy treatments. Rep. Whitfield introduced H.R. 2104 in the House of Representatives in June 2011, and currently has 117 cosponsors.

ASRT President Dawn McNeil, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M), RDMS, RVT, CRA, spoke on behalf of ASRT and described radiologic technologists' key role on the diagnostic imaging team. She also provided information about the scope of the CARE bill and expressed why it's an important measure for patients and radiologic technologists.

"Patients rely on medical imaging procedures for diagnosis, treatment and cure. When performed by skilled and competent professionals working as a team, these exams can be the difference between the correct diagnosis and the incorrect one," McNeil said in her remarks. "Only qualified personnel should be allowed to perform medical imaging exams, and the CARE bill will ensure a minimum level of education, knowledge and skill for those who perform medical imaging," she added.

Representatives from the ACR and MITA also backed the CARE bill in their remarks and offered insight into how the bill will improve the quality of medical images, enhance patient care and save money.

"There's a tremendous amount of support for the CARE bill in the radiologic science community and in the general public, so we're all diligently working with lawmakers to garner support for the bill," said ASRT Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy Christine J. Lung, CAE.

The briefing also was an opportunity for four of the world's largest radiology and radiologic science organizations to join forces and show their support for the bill. "The combined efforts of the group are a testament to the community's commitment to improve medical imaging at all levels," said Lung. "All of us want reduce the number of repeated medical imaging examinations and improve patient care, so it's important for all of us to be on the same page and work together as a cohesive team."

For more information about ASRT or the radiologic sciences, visit www.asrt.org.

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Are you receiving AMA MedEd Update?

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AMA MedEd Update, a free monthly email newsletter from the American Medical Association, includes information, news, and updates on health care careers. Some recent articles:

Health care jobs growth up, but health care expenditures down. Compared to 2011, health care job growth is up significantly, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data. "The sector created 101,800 jobs in the first quarter of 2012 compared with the 61,000 jobs created in the first three months of 2011," [reports HealthLeaders Media](#).

At the same time, a [study](#) of 2011 data from the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics reports that Americans "are paring back expenditures on prescription drugs and visits to healthcare professionals, most likely as a result of the lingering recession." [The New York Times reported](#) that the number of prescriptions issued to patients was down 1.1 percent versus 2010, and physician visits fell 4.7 percent. "Visits to the emergency room, by contrast, increased by 7.4 percent in 2011, an increase that the report's authors said was linked to the loss of health insurance resulting from long-term unemployment."

California health work force: Ready for the coming changes in health care? Meeting the challenges of expanded insurance coverage and new financing models will be possible only with an adequate health care work force that has the needed skills and expectations to create new practice models that address emerging needs. Meaningful decisions about expanding coverage and moving to new practice

models need solid work force data and analysis. A new [report](#) from the Center for the Health Professions in California analyzes various data points to pose several critical questions:

- What are the drivers that affect the quantity and quality of California's health care work force?
- Can the current health care work force meet the changes in demand?
- Is the supply of health professionals adequate to meet the state's growing needs?
- Are new health professionals' skills aligned with emerging needs?
- What policy solutions can help California meet changing demands?
- What are some of the innovations in education and practice?

What does the future hold for health care?

The AMA's [Health Care Trends](#), a free online resource, provides timely, relevant information on current trends affecting the health care system, including health inequities, patient expectations and perceptions, health economics, public health infrastructure, globalization, science and technology in medicine, and health care resources.

Check out webinars on health care careers' education, workforce topics. Keep your professional development plans on track by learning about the many challenges and opportunities in health professions education and workforce. The Health Professions Network (HPN) is offering multimedia webinar [presentations](#) by leading national experts, taped on-site during its twice-annual meetings. Current offerings include:

- Traditional vs. For-profit and Private Sector Education: The Pros and Cons
- Accreditation 2020: Opportunities and Challenges of the New Educational Paradigms
- How Big is Your Market? Rightsizing Production from Allied Health Programs to Meet our Nation's Needs
- Medical Assistants: Helping Physicians Meet New and Shifting Patient and Staffing Demands

- Provider-based Education: A New Model for New Times

For these and other articles on the latest news in health care careers, be sure to subscribe now to *AMA MedEd Update* at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/subscribe-newsletters.page> (or send an email to fred.lenhoff@ama-assn.org).

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Health Careers Pathways (H2P) Consortium

By Marianne Krismer, EdD

On September 26, 2012 the Department of Labor awarded a \$19.6 million grant to fund a Health Career Pathways initiative to 10 community colleges in 5 states and the District of Columbia. The grant was one of the largest ever awarded by the Department of Labor through a discretionary grant from the DOL Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program with the aim of better preparing the target population of trade displaced and lower skilled workers, and other beneficiaries for high-wage, high-skill employment and ultimately increasing attainment of degrees, certificates and other industry recognized credentials.

The H2P consortium is led by Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and is comprised of 9 other community college partners. In addition, the consortium colleges partner with employers, community and workforce agencies.

Community College participants include:

- Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids MN
- Ashland Community and Technical College, Ashland KY
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati OH
- City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago IL
- District of Columbia Community College, Washington D.C.
- El Centro College, Dallas TX
- Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville KY

- Owens Community College, Perrysburg, OH
- Pine Technical College, Pine City MN
- Texarkana College, Texarkana TX

The H2P is working collaboratively via sharing best practice, building upon unique skills and learning and accessing rich resources provided by national consultants and technical assistance specialist to dramatically improve health profession training via career pathways and the development of core curriculum and core credentials.

To achieve these goals, H2P colleges are replicating a comprehensive model of best practices centered on a career pathways framework and competency-based core curriculum. Strategies have been developed in eight core areas to frame our efforts.

1. H2P Strategies:
2. Online assessment and career guidance
3. Contextualized developmental education
4. Competency-based core curriculum
5. Industry-recognized stackable credentials
6. Career guidance and retention support
7. Training programs for incumbent healthcare workers
8. Enhanced data and accountability systems
9. Galvanize a national movement: "Achieving a National Consensus on Core Curricula in the Health Professions"

In addition to improving outcomes for students and increasing job placement in needed health occupations, the H2P is a research study under the capable direction of the Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL). The goal of this significant investment will be to capture model outcomes that will support transformative change in the education and industry partnership. Other providers of resources and technical assistance to the consortium include:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation impact analysis of core curriculum
- I – Seek - assisting with implementation of the Virtual Career Network (VCN) platform developed by American Association of Community Colleges
- National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2)
- Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES) (technical assistance provider to partners)
- The Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) at the University of Illinois (evaluator of project)
- National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)

With NN2 as a sponsor organization, we look forward to your participation in activities and learning as the consortium implements its scope of work. We view the NN2 organization as being the "think tank" providing a wonderful laboratory for innovation and sharing of the significant best practices that continually occur within member organizations.

H2P will have an opportunity at the NN2 annual meeting this October in Annapolis, Maryland to share our progress to date and to get important feedback from you.

In future newsletters we will highlight each of the strategies and give some examples of innovation that is occurring in each of these areas as we implement the grant activities.

If you would like any further information feel free to contact:

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CAAHEP Commissioners Take

Action in San Diego

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Executive Director CAAHEP

During the 2012 Annual Meeting in San Diego in April 2012-2013 several new and returning Board Members were elected.

- Susan Fuchs remains a member of the Board representing the American Academy of Pediatrics,
- Yasmen Simonian as representative of the ASAHP/Four Year Deans,
- Thomas Skalko as a Committee on Accreditation representative,
- Kalyani Naik to continue as a Committee on Accreditation representative, and
- Carolyn O'Daniel as the NN2/Two Year Dean representative.

There were also several amendments to the bylaws which can be found on the CAAHEP website.

<http://www.caahep.org>

The Commissioners also approved several new sponsoring organizations including: Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee: the American Society for Clinical Pathology, the American Society for Cytotechnology, and the College of American Pathologists. The International Association of Fire Fighters has been added as a new sponsor of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions.

Two sponsoring organizations have appointed new Commissioners:

- Arthur "Tony" Makin, Commissioner from the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
- David Van Daff, Commissioner from the National Academy of Sports Medicine

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Health Professions Network Meets in Portland

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By Fred Donini-Lenhoff

The Spring 2012 meeting of the [Health Professions Network](#) (HPN), hosted by

[Travel Portland](#), was held in Portland, OR, March 7-10, 2012. The 40 attendees, representing a wide range of health professions professional associations, education programs, certifying and accrediting bodies, and for-profit partners, networked and shared their views of the various challenges (and opportunities) within their respective professions. Attendees included representatives of many allied health and healthcare organization.

The theme of the Portland meeting was "Allied Health Professions and Associations: Transitioning Today While Preparing For Future Delivery Roles." Speakers included: *(Note: All presentations are available online at the HPN website <http://www.healthpronet.org>)*

[20/20 vision? Overview of latest BLS projections for 2010-2020](#)

Stephen Collier, PhD, University of Alabama-Birmingham

[FutureDoc 2.0: The physician in tomorrow's health care system](#)

Paul H. Rockey, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Graduate Medical Education, American Medical Association

[The Oregon health care workforce: Eastward ho?](#)

Jo Isgrigg, PhD, Executive Director, Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute

[The Clinical Laboratory Profession: A Perfect Storm](#)

Kathy Cilia, Director of Marketing and Member Services, American Medical Technologists

Daniel Olson, MBA, MA, MLS (ASCP) CM, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

[An in-depth look: The medical imaging profession](#)

Greg Morrison, MA, RT(R), CNMT, CAE, Chief Operating Officer, American Society of Radiologic Technologists

[2015 and Beyond: The Process of Charting a Future for the Respiratory Therapy Profession](#)

Bill Dubbs, MEd, MHA, RRT, FAARC, Director of Education and Management, American Association for Respiratory Care

["Huh?" Communicating the allied health message](#)

Fred Donini-Lenhoff, MA, Director,

Medical Education Communications, American Medical Association

The Portland meeting was generously sponsored by:

- Travel Portland
- Hilton Portland & Executive Tower
- Raz Transportation
- Portland Marriott Waterfront hotel
- Oregon Convention Center
- DoubleTree by Hilton Portland
- The Nines Hotel
- Andina Restaurant

HPN Future meetings include: September 12-15, 2012, Oklahoma City, OK and Spring 2013, Nashville, TN

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AACC Workforce Commission

By Carolyn O'Daniel, NN2 President

The AACC Workforce Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012 in Orlando, FL. NN2 was represented by Carolyn O'Daniel, President. Highlights of that meeting include:

New Workforce Development Data and Research - Chris Mullins reported on gainful employment regulations, which were expected to be issued in May, and released to schools at about the same time they are released to the public.

The regulations will likely include matching student identification data with wage data, and debt-to-earnings ratios along with repayment rates. According to Mr. Mullins, it shouldn't include "stackable" certificates, but would include "terminal" certificates.

Federal Report - Jim Hermes of AACC provided updates on activity of WIA Reauthorization and Perkins Reauthorization. House Republicans are expected to send their version of WIA Reauthorization for mark-up, and includes consolidation of programs, making it easier to cut funding. Both Democratic and Republican versions include increased accountability. Perkins reauthorization will require competition among consortia, and will include alignment, accountability, innovation, and funding where the jobs are, according to Mr. Hermes.

Beta Release and Presentation of Virtual Career Network - Bruce Rankin provided an overview of the site and reported that the site can now be accessed at <http://www.VCN.org>. Several Commission members expressed concerns about perceived competition."

Health Professions Education Center – AACC's Roxanne Fulcher shared drafts of two of the six fact sheets being prepared for distribution by HPEC, Fact #1: An RN is an RN, and Fact #2: America depends on the ADN. A draft pocket guide for presidents to use in their "elevator speeches" on the ADN entry-level topic was distributed. These resources were enthusiastically welcomed by Commission members.

NN2 - Yours president provided an update and information about the 2013 NN2 conference in Annapolis, N2RC and their upcoming conference in Chicago, the joint NN2/ASAHP position statement on alignment, and NN2's role in the H2P initiative and dissemination of a health care core curriculum, and invited Commission members to hear the NN2 Presentation on H2P core curriculum Monday afternoon.

NoADN - Donna Meyer reported on NoADN involvement with the 48 RWJ-funded (\$4.3 million) state coalitions for promoting the recommended 80% BSN goal. She also shared that only 7% of the hospitals in the country are magnet hospitals, and that magnet hospitals have roughly half the diversity of non-magnet hospitals.

Let me know if you have questions. Carolyn

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Federal Legislative Update

(Note: this is a companion piece to the information posted on the NN2 website, link on the home page).

Additional information regarding legislative activity:

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Download this Legislative Update as a PDF file
http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Documents/LegislativeUpdate12_cover.pdf

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Hot Links:

Remediation: Higher Education's Bridge to Nowhere (100 + pages)
<http://www.completecollege.org/docs/CCA-Remediation-final.pdf>

The Condition of Education 2012 (300 + pages)
<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>

A summary of the Health Professions Network (HPN) meeting in Portland, Oregon, March 7-10, is now available on the HPN website:
http://www.healthpronet.org/docs/2012-03_MeetingSummary_Portland.pdf

The Department of Education's Committee on Measures of Student Success
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acmss.html>

The Department of Education's Committee on Measures of Student Success submitted its final report
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/cmss-committee-report-final.pdf>

The Student Right to Know Before You Go Act
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.112s2098>

Pell Grants
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx#pellgrants>

President Obama's Budget Proposals
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

House Budget Resolution
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews>

[/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx)

FY 2013 Appropriations
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

State Authorization and Credit Hour Regulations
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Veterans and Military Issues
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Department of Education's Committee on Measures of Student Success and Related Accountability Efforts
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Department of Education's Committee on Measures of Student Success Final Report
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Gainful Employment Measures
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

Wyden/Hunter Legislation on State Longitudinal Data Systems
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy/AdvocacyNews/AdvocacyNews/Pages/041220121.aspx>

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Annual Meeting 2012

Anne Arundel Community College, Montgomery College, and Prince George's Community College are excited to co-host NN2's 25th annual conference. Join us at the Westin in historic Annapolis, Maryland, October 3 - 6, 2012. The conference program is designed around our theme, "Navigating Challenging Waters", and features topics to include: current issues & trends, national models and initiatives, collaborative approaches to healthcare education, legal issues, and state-of-the-art instructional technology. The meeting coincides with the 43rd United States Sailboat Show, recognized worldwide and considered to be the best in the industry. Consider extending your stay and take advantage of the Westin's proximity to the show. Whether you have sea-legs or are a land-lover, Annapolis has something for everyone.

Networking begins on Wednesday with a tour of the United States Naval Academy followed by an opening reception and registration at the hotel. Thursday, after a full day of informative sessions, we will enjoy a spectacular view of the Naval Academy while dining at the Severn Inn, overlooking the scenic Severn River. The meeting ends on Friday, after another full day of engaging speakers, networking opportunities, and vendor displays that will spur ideas for navigating the challenging waters within your own Health Sciences Programs.

For hotel reservations at the group rate go to the NN2 website or copy and paste the following link into your web browser:
<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1103033765&key=64BFD>

For more information, please contact Angie Anderson at aanderson@pgcc.edu

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis and remember:



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Anne Loochtan
Geneva Baker
Julian Easter

Editor's Note:

NN2 strives to prepare a newsletter that is informative to members. We encourage the submission of information and best practices related to health career education and training, which you think will be helpful to other members. Articles may be submitted to Anne Loochtan, email: anne.loochtan@mercycollege.edu.

