

Dear Colleagues,

As announced this week, ACCJC received an additional \$400,000 grant from the **College Futures Foundation** to continue our [Transparency, Storytelling, and Value Literacy project](#) for 2025-2026 to support member institutions use of program-level ROI data to improve transparency, storytelling, and student outcomes. This timely investment supports ACCJC's continued efforts to highlight how two-year institutions provide value to students in response to a changing federal landscape that includes new earnings thresholds tied to Federal Student Aid eligibility.

ACCJC will host four convenings in 2026, bringing together diverse campus teams for a workshop led by representatives from **Southwest Wisconsin Technical College**, winner of the **2025 Aspen Prize**, showcasing how ROI data can be embedded into planning and culture to ensure students graduate into living-wage careers.

We invite **college administrators, faculty, staff, students, and trustees** to participate in the conversations and encourage institutions to send a cross-section of institutional representatives for diverse perspective and maximum impact. Space can accommodate ***up to seven attendees from each member institution*** at a designated regional convening, and the cost of attendance for participants will be subsidized (details below).

Dates & Locations

- January 12, 2026 – Kapi'olani Community College (HI)
- April 13, 2026 – Long Beach City College (CA)
- April 15, 2026 – Skyline College (CA)
- April 16, 2026 – Sacramento City College (CA)

Thanks to the generous support of the [College Futures Foundation](#) (California Public Community Colleges) and an internal grant from ACCJC (all other ACCJC member institutions), the Commission is able to reimburse a limited number of participants. The grants provide for:

1. For up to seven people per member institution in Arizona, California, and Hawai'i: up to \$250 per individual for under 100 miles of travel and under 1.5 hr commute time, and up to \$600 for over 100 miles of travel and/or those who require a hotel room the night before due to extended commute time. *Only actual costs will be reimbursed.*
2. For up to seven people per member institution in American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, New York, and Palau: up to \$1000 per individual. *Only actual costs will be reimbursed.*

ACCJC would like to thank the College Futures Foundation for their generous support and the member institutions hosting each regional convening for their support and participation.

It is our hope to have ***five to seven attendees from each institution***, representing administrators, faculty, staff, students, and trustees interested in engaging in this work. ***Invitations with registration information*** will be sent to member institution ALOs, CEOs, Chancellors, and Board of Trustee Presidents ahead of each convening so institutions can coordinate who they would like to have attend. For now, please save the dates!

More information about the workshop and your institution's convening location is available at the following webpage: <https://accjc.org/transparency-storytelling-and-value-literacy-project/>.

We are looking forward to seeing you across the region!

Kind regards,

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