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WHAT IS THE CCBA MISSION?

*To promote better access
to the baccalaureate degree
on community college
campuses, and to serve as
a resource for information
on various models for
accomplishing this purpose.*

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Meet the Authors Champagne Reception

The Community College Baccalaureate: Emerging Trends and Policy Issues



Stylus Publishing will host a Book Signing and Meet the Authors Reception from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2005. This will be immediately before the CCBA's "A Big Apple Gala" on the 16th floor of the Marriott Marquis Hotel. All conference attendees are invited to attend.

The Community College Baccalaureate: Emerging Trends and Policy Issues is the first book to look at the issues of interest to CCBA members in depth. Under the editorship of Deborah L. Floyd (Florida Atlantic University), Michael L. Skolnik (University of Toronto) and Kenneth P. Walker (Chairman of the CCBA Board of Directors and President of Edison College), twelve scholars have addressed this controversial topic. The book describes and explains current developments; presents essential background information; offers examples of practice and different models of delivery; and gives voice to the views of proponents and critics alike.

A full description of the book can be found at the CCBA website, www.accbd.org.

The News of 2004 Indiana Approves Community College Baccalaureate

Vincennes University trustees have approved the first four-year degrees to be offered at Community Colleges in Indiana. The new degrees are in nursing, health care management, public safety, technology, special education, secondary science education and secondary math education.

According to Community College Week, Vincennes President Dr. Richard Helton said the school would retain its statewide mission as a junior college, but that adding the four-year degrees broadens its appeal to students.

Representative from Vincennes will be presenting at the Fifth Annual conference in March.

(additional News of 2004 stories on page 3 & 4)

Fifth Annual International Conference

Emerging Trends and Policy Issues

Agenda At a Glance

For complete session descriptions, abstracts and information about presenters, please visit the CCBA web site at www.accbd.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2005

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Registration

**5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Cocktail Reception
Marriott Marquis Sky Lobby 16th Floor**

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2005

**8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Registration
4th Floor**

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 – 9:30 Concurrent Sessions

Session 4: Is Your Community Ready for Community College Baccalaureate Degrees?

Session 3: Breaking the Distance Education Paradigm: Bemidji State University's Off-campus Business Degree Model

9:40 – 10:25 Concurrent Sessions

Session 2: The Need for Bachelor Degree Programs In a Community College's Service Area One Community's Solution

Session 5: Expanding Choice, Extending Educational Resources With An Online Learning Consortium

Session 22: Upper Division Enrollment Planning in Washington State: Bridging the Access Gap

10:25 – 10:40 Break

10:40 – 11:25 Concurrent Sessions

Session 21: The Blended Baccalaureate Solution in Michigan

Session 9: Meeting the Demand for the Baccalaureate in a Rapidly Growing Suburban Region: The Portal Concept at Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Minnesota

11:30 – 12:15 Concurrent Sessions

Session 7: Bachelor of Arts Degrees: A Development and Implementation Odyssey

Session 20: From Junior to Community to College — What Baccalaureate Degrees Do for a Comprehensive Community College — the Okaloosa-Walton College Story

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch

**1:30 – 2:15 Plenary Session
The Community College Baccalaureate:
Emerging Trends and Policy Issues**

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:15 Concurrent Sessions

Session 15: Emerging Trends and Policy Issues: Strategic Planning, Accreditation, and Politics in Indiana As Factors in Baccalaureate Degree Expansion

Session 6: Recognition for the College Baccalaureate: Sheridan's Innovative Approach to Meeting Rigorous Standards in the Development and Implementation of Ontario's New Baccalaureate Degrees

3:25 – 4:10 Concurrent Sessions

Session 13: Indigenous based theories of leadership and development: Responsiveness to community needs within college degrees

Session 1: Developing a Culture of Research and Scholarship

4:15 – 5:00 Concurrent Sessions

Session 21: St. Petersburg College Baccalaureate Experience: An Update and New Endeavors

Session 8: Diversity and Differentiation: An Ontario College Case

**5:30 – 6:30 Meet the Authors - Book Signing
16th Floor Sky Lobby Foyer**

6:00 A Big Apple Gala - Sky Lobby

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 – 9:15 Breakfast

Session 10: Preserving the Community College Mission: A Review of Institutional Frameworks & Strategies

9:20 – 10:05 Concurrent Sessions

Session 11: The Experience of the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in Launching Bachelor Degrees

Session 17: Emerging Trends and Policy Issues: Strategic Planning, Accreditation, and Politics in Indiana As Factors in Baccalaureate Degree Expansion

10:05 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:05 Concurrent Sessions

Session 16: It is About Access! Texas Colleges Delivering Baccalaureate Degrees

Session 14: Going From A to B: Expanding from Associate Degrees to Baccalaureate Degrees at Chipola College

11:10 – 11:55 Concurrent Sessions

Session 12: "Show Me The Money" Support the Operating Costs of a University Center

Session 18: Breaking Tradition: *Requiring* College Credits for High School Graduation

11:55 Adjourn

12:15 Networking Lunch with Informal Round Table Discussions (on own)

To register for the conference, please visit the CCBA website at www.accbd.org or call Beth Hagan for information.

Harper Becomes First Illinois Community College to Pursue Bachelor's Degrees

By a vote of 5-2 the Harper College Board of Trustees authorized the College to begin lobbying for a change in state law that would allow Harper to offer bachelor's degrees in select areas.

If state law were changed, Harper would be the first community college in Illinois to offer bachelor's degrees.

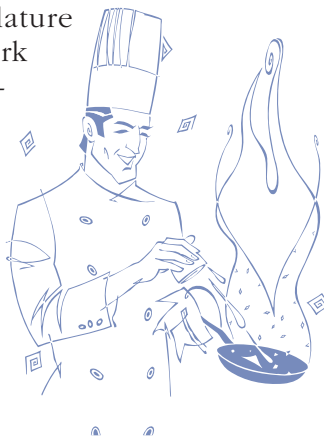
Ten states currently allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees under certain circumstances. Generally, community colleges offer bachelor's degrees in workforce-related technical areas such as nursing, dental hygiene, specialized teaching and applied technology.

Under its proposed pilot program, Harper would offer bachelor's degrees in areas that **would not compete with nearby public four-year universities**. The pilot program would be self-supporting and would not use property tax dollars for direct program costs.

An independent survey of 1,200 Harper district residents in the Northwest suburbs found 66% of those polled strongly support Harper offering select bachelor's degrees, only 5% were against; the rest did not express a strong preference.

Four-Year Culinary Arts Degree Receives Legislative Approval

The South Carolina Legislature voted to override Gov. Mark Sanford's veto of the legislation that establishes a four-year degree in Culinary Arts at Trident Technical College. This action enables the College to offer the only public four-year culinary arts program in the state.



Prior to offering the four-year degree, the South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education must approve the program, and it must receive accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Trident Technical College hopes to be able to offer the four-year program during the 2006-07 academic year.

The Culinary and Hospitality Training Center, scheduled for completion in 2005, will house the first two years of the program. The Center is currently under construction in the Complex for Industrial and Economic Development on Main Campus in North Charleston. Graduates of TTC's current two-year associate degree program will now be able to continue their education in this affordable four-year degree program. The site for the last two years of the baccalaureate degree will be the Palmer Campus in downtown Charleston.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Community Colleges: A Special Supplement

The Chronicle ran a special supplement about community colleges on October 29, 2004. There were several articles of interest to those who want to find ways to improve access to postsecondary education. A short excerpt from Jamilah Evelyn's article follows:

President Bush, during his State of the Union address last January, praised "America's fine community colleges" and proposed giving them more federal support.

It was one of only a few moments during the two-hour speech that received a standing ovation from both sides of the aisle. In their coverage the next day, newspapers gave prominent attention to the role the president wanted two-year institutions to play in the nation's economic recovery. Community-college officials, long frustrated with the Rodney Dangerfield treatment, were combustibly giddy.

"We believe it was the first time a president has mentioned community colleges during a State of the Union," says George R. Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges. That kind of respect was long overdue, he says, and the ovation was "a sign of the high opinion those lawmakers have of community colleges."

Third Annual Essay Contest Receives Entries from 36 States and 5 Provinces

This year's essay contest, sponsored by Community College Week, drew entries for more than 100 colleges in 36 states, 5 provinces and Pago Pago. Student interest and awareness of this topic has clearly grown. The ten finalists are:

Angelica Bertot, Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus, Florida

Jan Bellew, Clark Community College, Washington

Abigail Clark, Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia

Christopher Cochran, Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia

Yvonne Comeau, Lord Fairfax Community College, Virginia

Bonnie Furlong, Lord Fairfax Community College, Virginia

Robin Gladue, Hibbing Community College, Minnesota

Rebecca Herdering, Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia

Michele Jurgensen, Manatee Community College, Florida

Martha Suchsland, North West Arkansas Community College, Arkansas

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, as will the student's community college. This will be awarded at the conference in March.

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