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President's Message

Preparing for the Year Ahead

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 2025. I know the semester is off to a rapid start and that many of our institutions are working to support students and communities through natural disasters and uncertainty. At the same time, we are all adjusting almost daily to a new federal landscape. At ACCJC, we strive to support our members' institutional transformation and disseminate knowledge by providing timely and clear resources related to accreditation processes and federal regulations, and by advocating for the importance and value of two-year institutions.

In the coming year, we look forward to advancing our Transparency, Storytelling, and Value Literacy Project, and developing a Student Return on Investment (ROI) metric as discussed in the [Navigating the Value Landscape for Accreditation](#) white paper. Making our data transparent and seamless will be critical to garnering public support for two-year institutions and demonstrating our expertise in serving students. Please read on for Commission news and updates and consider joining us at our February webinar on the Annual Report and Annual Fiscal Report and our April webinar on artificial intelligence.

Your work on behalf of millions of students is critical, and I look forward to continued collaboration.

Yours,
Mac Powell

Commission Announcements and Updates

Spring 2025 Election – Nomination and Application Instructions

At its January meeting, the Commission announced its spring 2025 Commission vacancies. The vacancies include **one administrative member position** (with an incumbent) and **three public member positions** (with two incumbents). Information about the nomination and application process is available on the ACCJC website. The deadline for nominations and applications is February 21, 2025.

[Nomination and Application Instructions...](#)

Recent Commission Actions on Institutions

ACCJC held its biannual meeting January 8-9, 2025. The Commission Actions on Institutions notification lists the actions taken by the Commission regarding ACCJC member institutions and is posted on the ACCJC website. We are happy to announce that The Salvation Army College for Officer Training Eastern Territory was granted Initial Accreditation and that the California Indian Nations College and Gila Community College were granted Candidacy.

[Commission Actions on Institutions...](#)

Welcome to our newest members!



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ACCJC Enhances Support for Quality in Distance Education as Online Enrollment Soars Post-COVID

Due to the continued national focus on ensuring quality in online course delivery, we are resharing the suite of resources designed to help institutions uphold and demonstrate quality in their distance education programs. These tools are also intended to assist peer reviewers during the accreditation process, ensuring a rigorous yet supportive review experience.

ACCJC's available resources include:

1. [Quality Continuum Rubric for Distance Education](#)
2. [Addendum to the Protocol for Distance Education Review](#)
3. [DE Assessment Tool for Peer Reviewers](#)
4. [Frequently Asked Questions for institutions and peer reviewers involved in distance education evaluations](#)

For additional information, visit: <https://accjc.org/announcement/distance-education-resources/>

Call to Action

Reminder: Comments from the Field on ACCJC Policy Revisions (First Read)

At its meeting January 8-9, 2025, the Commission considered one policy change for First

Read. Following its Bylaws, ACCJC invites comments from the field on the first-read policy revisions. Policy comments must be received by Friday, February 28, 2025. Notice of Commission adoption of policy revisions and edits is also included in the memo.

[January 2025 Policy Revisions and instructions to make comments...](#)

Upcoming Events

Annual Report/Annual Fiscal Report Webinar

Each spring, ACCJC accredited institutions submit an Annual Report and an Annual Fiscal Report as part of the Commission's institutional performance monitoring process. In this webinar, ACCJC staff will provide an overview of the contents and submission process for both reports and will leave ample time for attendee questions. ACCJC encourages CEOs, ALOs, chief business officers, research staff, and others who will be involved in the preparation of the reports to attend.

Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. PST.

[Zoom Registration Link - AR/AFR Reports](#)

Transparency, Storytelling, and Value Literacy Project Regional Convenings

ACCJC looks forward to hosting the five-remaining regional convenings this semester. In December, invitations and registration instructions were sent out to CEOs, ALOs, Chancellors, and Board Presidents. ***We invite college administrators, faculty, staff, and trustees to participate in the conversations.*** Space can accommodate ***up to five attendees*** from each member institution at a designated regional convening. There is no charge, and the cost of attendance is subsidized. More information is available on the ACCJC website. The regional convenings are supported by a grant from the College Futures Foundation.

[Transparency, Storytelling, and Value Literacy Project...](#)

- Regional Convening at **Los Angeles Valley College – February 27th**, 10 am – 2 pm PST
- Regional Convening at **Butte College – March 11th**, 10 am – 2 pm PDT
- Regional Convening at **Skyline College – April 1st**, 10 am – 2 pm PDT
- Regional Convening at **Palomar College Rancho Bernardo Center – April 29th**, 10 am – 2 pm PDT
- Regional Convening at **Lemoore College – May 1st**, 10 am – 2 pm PDT

AI In the Classroom Webinar

Join us for an engaging workshop on AI in the Classroom, where we will explore the fundamentals of what AI is and how AI works in today's educational landscape. Discover how it has evolved on a large scale, and within education, transforming teaching methods and student experiences. We'll examine how it will likely continue to transform, shaping the future of personalized learning, classroom dynamics, and academic support. Most importantly, we'll discuss how that transformation will affect faculty and the classroom, highlighting both opportunities and challenges for educators. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable insights and practical strategies for integrating AI effectively into your teaching practice!

Presenter: **Craig Hayward** of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. PST.

[Zoom Registration Link - AI in the Classroom](#)

ACCJC On The Move

Stories of Student Success and Institutional Transformation

The story of an institution is the story of the people, places, and communities that serve its students. Conversations about student success often focus solely on graduation rates or other

benchmark data that can obscure the true impact institutions, programs, and people have on the human beings served. *ACCJC On The Move* is about our journey to understand the distinct missions of the 139 institutions ACCJC serves, and the promising impactful practices changing lives inside and outside the classroom. Our most recent articles feature [Napa Valley College](#), [Mendocino College](#), and [College of the Redwoods](#). Take a look at [ACCJC On The Move](#) and follow us on [Instagram @accjc_onthemove](#). President Powell looks forward to a full schedule of campus visits in 2025!

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