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"A New Era of Accountability" conference at Cornell, August 9-11

The future of higher education will be discussed by community college presidents and others

ITHACA, N.Y. — Community college presidents, administrators, faculty and trustees will meet on August 9-11 to discuss topics related to the future of higher education accreditation, legislated performance measures and the assessment of learning outcomes. Entitled "A New Era of Accountability," the conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9 hosted by the Institute for Community College Development (ICCD) at 225 ILR Conference Center in the Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) School. There is a fee to attend the conference, and registration is currently accepted online. For detailed information on conference schedule, registration and fee, visit www.iccd.cornell.edu.

"If community colleges don't demonstrate accountability effectively, they will have inappropriate measures imposed upon them. This program will help them take control," said Barbara Viniar, executive director of ICCD. Scott Jaschik, Editor of Inside Higher Ed and a speaker at the conference, also stated that "Community colleges are under real pressure to demonstrate to the government, the press and the public the value of what they do. The timing for this conference is ideal."

Featured conference speakers and topics are:

- Dr. Joseph C. Burke, director of the Higher Education Program and senior fellow at the Rockefeller Institute will discuss "The Accountability Triangle: Meeting Public, Academic and Market Demands."
- Dr. Alicia Dowd, principal investigator on the Lumina Foundation, will discuss "Data Don't Drive: Building a Practitioner Driven Culture of Inquiry."
- Scott Jaschik, editor of Inside Higher Ed, will talk about "Why The Press Doesn't Understand You, Why It Matters, and What You Can Do About It."
- Dr. Stephen Mittelstet, president of Richland College, will speak on "The Dance Between Malcolm Baldrige and Parker Palmer: How Accountability and Passion Combine for a Better College." Richland College is the first community college winner of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award given by the President of the United States to

organizations demonstrating world-class excellence in seven areas of leadership and management.

The Institute for Community College Development is a public/private partnership between the State University of New York (SUNY) and Cornell University. The Institute provides professional development opportunities for current and future leaders in community colleges. Its services and programs are tailored with one goal in mind: to position community colleges and systems to respond proactively to society's changing needs in education and training.

For more information on the conference or to receive the conference agenda, contact Barbara Viniar, executive director of ICCD at 607-255-9259 or <Barbara.Viniar@cornell.edu>. For all media requests, contact the Cornell Press Relations Office at (607) 255-3024 or <SSL37@cornell.edu>.

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