



FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW: By 2007, the United States will need 700 new community college presidents and campus heads, 1,800 new leaders in upper administrative positions, and 30,000 new faculty. The American Association of Community Colleges is addressing this leadership gap in a major national initiative, *Leading Forward: The Community College Opportunity*, supported by a two-year planning grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Community colleges are the largest, most accessible sector of higher education, serving almost half of all U.S. undergraduates.

ACTIVITIES:

- Series of one-day leadership summits to gain consensus on a national leadership development framework, including shared agreement on the characteristics of effective community college leaders, a national inventory of leadership offerings, and identification of venues for collaboration.
- Development of an online leadership portfolio, a tool to implement the national framework by creating a “roadmap” for future leaders to chart their own development or to assist colleges in recruiting leaders.
- Studies of community college leadership programs supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 1960s and 1970s, and selected contemporary and emerging programs.
- Web site containing comprehensive information about community college leadership and AACCC’s leadership portfolio to be housed at www.ccleadership.org.

EXPECTED OUTCOME: A comprehensive plan for Leading Forward: Community College Leaders Today and Tomorrow for the next 3-5 years.

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