Colleagues,

Pima Community College is honored to host Dr. Walter Bumphus on Tuesday, Dec. 10 for a timely discussion of the critical role community colleges play in helping our nation succeed in the 21st-century economy.

As you might know, Dr. Bumphus is president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges. At PCC, he will discuss the challenges and opportunities community colleges face in responding to President Obama’s call for community colleges to educate an additional 5 million students with postsecondary credentials by 2020.

The AACC advocates for more than 1,100 two-year, associate-degree granting institutions and more than 13.3 million students. It is implementing the 21st Century Initiative, which emphasizes innovation in order to increase students’ educational attainment and help many of them gain entry to the middle class.

Dr. Bumphus’ discussion begins at 2 p.m. in our Community Board Room at the District Office. Because of space limitations, I strongly encourage you to listen to the discussion at any one of our six campuses. It will be streamed live to the following locations: