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Dear Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Happy Friday! Here is some news from SUNY WCC and the WCC Foundation.

- The *New York Times* article [Community Colleges Have Been Hit by Trump's War on Elite Universities](#) has sparked discussion on this very timely topic. Attached is Dr. Miles's letter to the editor to the *Times* in response to the article. We are monitoring the letters to the editor to see if it is picked up.
- I had mentioned in my last update our collaboration with **Grad Bag** to provide gently used dorm essentials to students on their way to residential colleges. Here is a link to the [News12 segment](#).
- Yonkers Times ran this article announcing that the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved the [SUNY Westchester Community College 2025–26 budget](#) for \$158.8 million in total funding, which is an increase of more than 10% over the current year.
- Community College Daily reported that the [Senate bill did not uphold some of the most dire cuts to Pell grants and other programs proposed in the House bill](#).
- SUNY WCC's **Respiratory Care Program** received national recognition with a [Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award](#) from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care for a sixth consecutive year.
- Please visit my [July-August blog](#) for the happenings around campus in July and August!

Upcoming Events

- **Native Plant Weekend** workshops and sale: September 6 & 7, 9:00-5:30, Rosedale Nurseries, 51 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne, NY
- WCC Alumni Association hosts [Drone Piloting & Licensing](#): September 11, 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm

- **WCC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting:** September 18, 2025, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room)
- WCC's 2nd Annual **Viking Classic Car Show:** September 21, 9:00am-3:00pm, Valhalla campus
- [Grow & Launch Your Business!](#) Hosted by WCC's Workforce Development and Community Education Division, September 25, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm, Gateway Center, Valhalla Campus
- WCC's [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#): October 5, 2025, 11:00am-2:00pm
- WCC **Workshop on "Paying for College & FAFSA Forms" in conjunction with LUCA** (Latino U College Access): October 8, 2025
- **WCC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting:** November 20, 2025, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room)

Except for a few time-sensitive meetings, I will be on "staycation" from August 18 through Labor Day. I will keep an eye on emails daily and am available for urgent matters by cell phone at 917-723-2008. For other board-related matters, Carrie Colon-Lopez is reachable at caroline.colon-lopez@sunywcc.edu and 914-606-6451. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best,
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