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Dear WCC Foundation Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Happy Friday! Here are some clipping and updates:

- Thanks to **Rachel Rader** for flagging this thought-provoking article in **Inside Higher Education**: [Community College Leaders Dispute Carnegie Classification](#)
- This [story on NPR's Weekend Edition](#) features **community college presidents** from Michigan, Florida and North Carolina regarding the **impact of the Federal budget cuts on community colleges**.
- **Susan Wollin** shared this [PBS story](#) featuring the North Carolina college president included in the NPR story above, also on the subject of **Federal budget cuts' impact on community colleges**.
- This story ran on Thursday [NPR's Morning Edition](#) about **why college costs have risen dramatically in the last 20 years**. There is a brief mention of the value of community colleges, noting that a Pell grant would make community colleges free for many low-income students, which is certainly true at SUNY WCC.
- **Dr. Miles** is quoted in this [SUNY release about financial support and technical assistance for retention and completion](#)/.
- A SUNY press release covers [SUNY Chancellor King's visit to SUNY WCC last week](#) as part of his tour of community college campuses promoting **SUNY Reconnect**, the program that provides tuition, fees, books and supplies for eligible adult learners ages 25-55 in high demand fields. Chancellor King visited our newly opened Medical Simulation Lab.
- The headline says it all: [Vikings Do Westchester Proud at NJCAA Women's Volleyball Championship - Westchester Community College Athletics](#)
- I have updated my annual [Questions & Answers About Year-End Charitable Contributions](#) column, which is now posted on the WCC Foundation website.

Upcoming events:

- **SUNY WCC Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner**, Friday, **November 21, 6:30-8:30pm**, Juliano's Caterers, 700 Main Street, New Rochelle
- **WCC Foundation Board Luncheon: Thursday, December 4, 12:00-1:15pm**, Culinary Café, David Swope Student Center—for those who could not join us for lunch on 11/20, or anyone who would like to join us a second time!
- **Upcoming Holidays:**
 - **Thursday, November 27-Friday, November 28** for **Thanksgiving**.
 - **Wednesday, December 24–Thursday, January 1**, returning Friday, January 2, for the **Winter Break**. I will be available for any questions about year-end contributions or any time-sensitive matter by email ds38@sunywcc.edu or cell phone 917-723-2008 throughout the break.

Best wishes for a nice weekend and a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Best,
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