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CATYC PURPOSE

- *To work with accrediting agencies in the promotion of standards, practices, and policies for two-year colleges.*
- *To promote effective communication and articulation of the membership represented by this Council with the American Association of Community Colleges and other educational agencies.*
- *To support appropriate legislation to improve programs and services in two-year colleges.*
- *To sponsor workshops, seminars, and academies on appropriate topics of interest where differing views, methodologies, and interests that support the goals of accrediting agencies may be shared.*
- *To promote research and assist the member institutions in meeting change in two-year college education.*
- *To provide information and encourage community services among member institutions and communities interested in two-year college education.*

The Council on Accreditation for Two-Years Colleges (CATYC) is a 19-state organization with potentially 400 community college members focused on two-year education and accreditation standards, practices, and policies.

MESSAGE FROM CATYC PRESIDENT

Dr. Bruce Moses, President,
Allen County Community College



To the members of CATYC:

First off, I want to say how honored and humbled I am to serve as the President for CATYC. It is a wonderful organization that provides relevant and timely information that supports the goals of national accrediting agencies for its members. I will do my best to represent CATYC in this critical role.

Past Presidents and Executive Directors have worked hard to bring about the modernization of the organization. These changes have included developing a new website, refining the bylaws, and expanding the use of electronic communication. I am excited to work with you and my fellow executive council members to continue the work of my predecessors and increase the organization's use as a platform to share and disseminate information relevant to our member institutions. I hope you will find the newsletter one of the best ways to learn and share what is happening with other higher education institutions we serve.

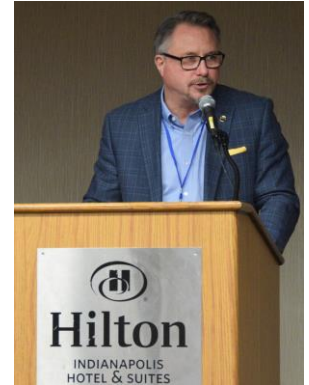
If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding CATYC that you would like to share with us, please email Barbara Jones, CATYC Executive Director, at brjones079@gmail.com. We want to hear what makes CATYC useful to you and what you want to see more of in the future.

With gratitude,

Dr. Bruce Moses, President

MESSAGE FROM CATYC PAST PRESIDENT

*Dr. Chuck Johnson
President, Vincennes University*



Hello CATYC,

We all share the same desire to amplify success for our commuter and online student populations who are hardest to reach with traditional support approaches.

At VU specifically, we partnered with CircleIn after reviewing the plan of empowering our entire student body to unite as one powerful digital community and unlocking the students to help each other succeed academically. We have almost 1 in 2 students who have adopted CircleIn, and for our student demographics, we all know there are very few services 1 in 2 students use. At similar commuter schools they've demonstrated 8% improvement in retention rates, and as high as 33% improvement in pass rates in high failure rate courses. We look forward to jointly evaluating the impact with CircleIn as our adoption continues to rise.

You might remember CircleIn as a CATYC sponsor at the fall conference whose Founder and CEO is Gerald Meggett Jr. Here's a link to the Executive Summary about CircleIn, if you are interested: [CATYC Amplify Commuter and Online Student Success](#)

I'd encourage to email Gerald at Gerald@CircleInApp.com to schedule 20 minutes to talk soon, or you can click the following link to pick a time to meet him for a brief and insightful discovery conversation about how VU and others are uniting their students: [Gerald's Schedule](#)

I wish you all the same or greater levels of success.

Chuck

The Council of Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges (CATYC) is the only higher education organization dedicated to serving the accreditation and quality needs of two-year colleges located in the United States. CATYC provides members with access to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) staff through its annual conference. The organization provides effective communication between membership and the Council leadership on issues impacting member institutions and to advocate for legislation and policies impacting community colleges. Member institutions are eligible to apply for awards and research grants through the Council to develop innovative strategies to better serve our students and support their success.

MESSAGE FROM CATYC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, *Dr. Barbara Jones*



On behalf of the Executive Board of the Council on Accreditation for Two Year Colleges (CATYC), we want to thank you for your continued membership and interest in CATYC. The 2022 year provided opportunities to provide another CATYC newsletter and offer a Zoom webinar for our members. The new CATYC Communication and Development Committee launched with state representatives (see list below) assisting us in getting the word out to their states about CATYC and our various professional development opportunities and other activities. With changes in the former regional accreditors' scope, we made changes in the CATYC Purposes and Bylaws to expand our focus on higher education accreditation. Once again, we were pleased that our membership held steady during another challenging year. THANK YOU.

We were excited to convene our 2022 Annual CATYC Conference in Indianapolis, IN this past September - hosted by Dr. Chuck Johnson and his team from Vincennes University. We had some wonderful presentations related to accreditation, assessment, cocurricular assessment, innovation, student success, and more. Vincennes hosted our attendees at their **Aviation Technology Center**. We had a wonderful reception surrounded by huge airplanes and motors - a great example of a two-year college hands-on laboratory! At the Conference, our annual Legacy Award was presented to Dr. Brian Inbody who has been an active member, officer, and supporter of CATYC for many years. You can learn more about our conference in the articles that follow. Please mark your calendars for our 2023 Annual Conference to be held on October 1-3 in Phoenix/Tempe, AZ at the Rio Salado College Conference Center.

As we continue to grow and expand the offerings of CATYC, we need your participation and assistance. As a member-driven organization, CATYC is focused on two-year education and accreditation standards, practices, and policies and serves as a resource and as an advocate for you and your institution. To achieve the value of membership:

- Submit your college's best practices for the annual Innovation Award and/or a conference presentation
- Attend the annual conference and webinars
- Submit a proposal for the George Knox Research Grant, ~\$1500 awarded each year.
- Provide suggestions for professional development activities, advocacy, or our conference

Please be sure to contact me with questions or ideas. Working with members, accrediting agencies, and the CATYC Executive Committee, we hope to make the organization stronger and more beneficial to you, our member institutions.

Barbara

Many thanks to our CATYC Development and Communication Committee

Regions:

- OH, WV: William Taylor, Terra State Community College, Fremont, OH
- IN, IL: Karen Weiss, Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg, IL
- MI, WI: Dr. Paul Watson, Kellogg Community College, Kellogg, MI
- MN, ND, SD: Tamara Dewes, Western Dakota Technical College,
- IA, NB: Tad Pfeifer, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte, NE
- KS, MO: Sharon Kibbe, Highland Community College, Highland, KS
- OK, AR: Al Massri, Northwest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, AR
- WY, CO: Dr. Darren Divine, Casper College, Casper, WY
- NM, AZ: Wendy Weeks, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ

2022 CATYC CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

“Shifting Gears In Higher Education,” September 25-27, 2022, Indianapolis, IN

INDIANAPOLIS - The landscape of higher education is changing, and institutions are shifting gears. The Council on Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges held a three-day event titled “Shifting Gears in Higher Education” from September 25-27 in Indianapolis, the racing capital of the world.

Vincennes University President and outgoing CATYC President Dr. Chuck Johnson hosted the conference. According to Johnson, “We were pleased the CATYC held its annual fall conference in our state’s capital, offering attendees the opportunity to experience Hoosier hospitality. The CATYC Conference brought together dedicated college leaders, faculty, and staff from throughout the nation who engaged in the impactful sharing of knowledge that could make their institutions better and spur new goals.”

Upcoming CATYC Events/Activities

- **CATYC Research Grant proposals:** due January 31, 2023
- **CATYC Zoom Webinar -** February 22, 2023; 1pm
- **CATYC 2023 Conference Proposals** due: March 18, 2023
- **HLC Conference,** April 1-5, 2022 in Chicago
- **CATYC 2023 Innovation Award** application due April 16, 2023



Fifty-five participants from 14 of the 19-state region attended interactive sessions focused on various challenges and issues facing colleges in fulfilling their missions and meeting accreditation standards, including assessment of learning, student engagement and success, aligning K-12 and higher education, developing leadership teams, and workforce development. In addition to the numerous informational presentations,



Vincennes University hosted the conference attendees at their Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center. The university hosted a reception and tour of their facility filled with airplanes, motors, and simulators. It was a great evening to learn and network.

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery was the conference's keynote speaker. "The State of Indiana is honored to have served as the site of the Council on Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges Fall



Conference," Lowery said. "This event is an important annual conference of college and university administrators, faculty, and staff who are passionate about helping all learners realize their dreams through higher education. Community and junior colleges continue to serve a critical role in our communities by providing pathways to accessible and affordable education for all, upward mobility, and offering great value to learners striving to achieve a postsecondary credential." Lowery discussed the dramatic decline of the college-going rate in Indiana and efforts to reverse the trend. His speech was very much in alignment with the theme of the CATYC Conference.



Dr. Brian Inbody, President of Neosho Community College in Kansas, received special recognition for his commitment to the CATYC and higher education. Inbody was presented the Legacy Award by Johnson. The 2022 Fall Conference

concluded with Dr. Bruce Moses, President of Allen County Community College in Kansas, taking over as CATYC President from Johnson. He thanked all participants, host Vincennes University, and the vendors/sponsors of the conference. On behalf of the CATYC membership, Moses thanked Johnson for his service as president and presented him with a plaque.



CATYC Thanks our 2022 Fall Conference Sponsors

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GEORGE KNOX RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENT

Lake Area Technical College (LATC) in Watertown, South Dakota was chosen by the Executive Committee of the Council on Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges (CATYC) to receive the CATYC George Knox Research Grant for 2022. Gina Grant, HLC Liaison Officer/Assessment Coordinator, submitted the proposal. The research grant was established to benefit the institution, recipient, the organization, and higher education by supporting institutional improvements and best practices related to accreditation.

The grant funds (\$1500) will assist LATC to define and develop a co-curricular program and framework of learning outcomes. This will be accomplished by establishing a multi-discipline student focus group of 25 students to assist a task force to develop co-curricular learning outcomes and testing standard processes. Ms. Grant will present the project findings at the CATYC Annual Conference in Phoenix/Tempe, AZ in October 2023.

Members interested in applying for the 2023 George Knox Research Grant are encouraged to apply - proposal deadline is **January 15, 2023**.

LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT, DR. BRIAN INBODY



Dr. Brian Inbody, President of Neosho County Community College (NCCC), was awarded the 2022 CATYC Legacy Award. The Legacy Award recognizes and acknowledges the long-term, positive, and significant impact of an individual or group who have contributed to the

CATYC organization. Dr. Brian Inbody has demonstrated his commitment to CATYC and higher education for many years. He has been a member of CATYC for 16 years, serving on the Executive Committee, and as Vice-President, President-Elect, President, and Past-President of the organization.

Dr. Inbody has had a full and active career in higher education for over 30 years. He has served as the President of NCCC for 12 years, serving seven years as the Vice President for Student Learning, prior to his presidency. He has also served as faculty and administrator at colleges in Oklahoma and Michigan. He has served as an officer for the Kansas Council of Instructional Administrator, Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, and on the HLC's Institution Action Council. He has served as President of the Kansas Council of Presidents. He is also a member of the Association of Community College Trustees' Advisory Council of Presidents. Dr. Inbody holds degrees in mass communication from Oklahoma State University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Arkansas.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT and BOARD MEMBERS



More From the CATYC Fall Conference



The next CATYC Annual Conference is scheduled for October 1-3, 2023 in Phoenix/Tempe, AZ at the Rio Salado College Conference Center.

***Be on the look out for a Save the Date and hotel information!**

FUTURE CATYC CONFERENCES

2024 - Michigan (Detroit area)

2025 - Missouri

Higher Learning Commission Updates

The 2023 HLC Annual Conference is March 25-28, 2023.



Information from CATYC Conference presentation of Dr. Karen J. Solomon, Ed.D., HLC Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer:

Substantive Change

- Revised application forms posted Sept 2022
 - Eliminate old forms or weblinks
- Significant changes to the New Program application coming Fall 2023
 - Increased emphasis on anticipated student outcomes, evidence of market demand, etc.

Changes in Program Content

- 25% threshold for programs
- 50% threshold for certificates
- NOTE: The same screening form is used for both credentials

Change of Modality

- Still awaiting clarification from USDE
- For institutions approved for “distance education courses and programs,” should be able to submit a spreadsheet listing all the distance education programs
- Filing details will be posted in Leaflet once clarification received

Prison/Carceral Education

- Awaiting final rules from USDE and HLC procedures will likely need to change
 - Anticipate increased scrutiny of facilities and curriculum
 - Potentially effective July 1, 2023
- 2nd Chance Pell experimental institutions will be operating under different regulations

HLC UPDATES

Federal Recognition

- Entering final phase of HLC's renewal process for federal recognition as an institutional accreditor
- HLC's NACIQI (National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity) hearing to be held in February 2023
- Recommendation is considered by a senior department official

HLC Updates

Revision of the Criteria for Accreditation

- Process beginning in-house Fall 2022
- Opportunities to attend listening sessions at the 2023 Annual Conference
- Anticipated to go into effect September 1, 2025
- Presently working on proposed language regarding dual credit

Differential Accreditation

- Differential Accreditation Advisory Committee (DAAC) met four times in 2021-2022
- Recommendations to be considered at the HLC Board of Trustees Fall 2022 meeting
- Timeline under development for launch of pilot

New Student Guide launched in October, 2022.

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM HLC - THE LEAFLET

<https://www.hlcommission.org/News-Reports/Leaflet/September-2022/updates-and-improvements-for-2022-23.html>

UPCOMING CATYC EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- **Research Grant proposals: due January 15, 2023**
- **CATYC Executive Committee vacancy** - contact Dr. Barbara Jones, if interested.
- **Webinars: PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING CATYC ZOOM WEBINARS (MEMBERS ONLY):**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 1-2:30P Central time

Title: Programmatic Accreditation and Program Review - Information, Updates, and Tips

Panel presenters:

Gina Scarboro, D.B.A., CAA - CAAHEP Updates
Executive Director

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs (CAAHEP)

Dr. Renee Mielke - ACEN topics

Interim Director of Nursing

Kellogg Community College

Stephen A. Ebel- Program reviews

Assistant Director for Curriculum Quality

Improvement (CQI)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1-2:30P Central Time

Title: HLC Accreditation Site Visit: Preparing Your Faculty, Staff, Students, and Board

Presenters:

-Dr. Paul Watson, VP for Instruction/Interim
President, Kellogg Community College

-Dr. Martin Eggensperger, President, Black River
Technical College

- **2023 HLC Annual Conference is March 25-28, 2023.**

CATYC Membership

Thank you for being a member of CATYC. It has been a wonderful source of professional development, networking, and advocacy related to regional accreditation for many of our community colleges for over 80 years. If your institution has **renewed your membership** this year - Thank You! If not, please remember to send your renewal to: **Megan Fugate, CATYC, 200 South 14th Street, Parsons, KS 67357**. Also, please tell your peers of the value of our organization. We continue to strive to keep our dues affordable because we understand the ongoing budget challenges our community colleges face every day.

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