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U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen: Community Colleges are Pathway to Economic Opportunity

Equal access to education and career training necessary for future prosperity

Annapolis, MD, January 23, 2017 – U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen expressed his support for making higher education and career training more affordable as he addressed the presidents and trustees of Maryland’s community colleges at their annual conference in Annapolis.

“Maryland is fortunate to have terrific community colleges across our state – they prepare students for their careers and serve as a pathway to economic opportunity,” said Senator Van Hollen. “I’m excited to work with our community colleges to make higher education and job training programs even more accessible to every Marylander and all Americans.”

Len Lazarick, publisher and editor of the Maryland Reporter, delivered the keynote address and shared his expertise on Maryland’s political landscape.

“We were honored to have these two distinguished men accept our invitation to address our presidents and trustees,” said Dr. Bernie Sadusky, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC).

The conference also featured student speaker, Marien Haider, who emigrated from Nigeria with her daughter, obtained her GED at Prince George’s Community College (PGCC), and is currently pursuing her associate degree at PGCC. Ms. Haider is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the premier academic honor society for community college students.

Leadership from Maryland’s community colleges meets annually to stay up-to-date on higher education policies, legislation, initiatives, and issues that affect their students and institutions. Today’s conference offered updates in four areas: student success, college affordability, workforce development, and higher education law.

About Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC)

At 16 Maryland community colleges, 23 campuses and more than 1000 learning sites across the state, approximately half a million students annually pursue academic degrees, 150+ certifications in career and technical training, and diverse courses that refresh and develop career and life skills. Key partners in local economic development, Maryland community colleges deliver customized training designed to meet immediate, local labor needs and ensure the availability of a skilled workforce to attract new businesses and employers. MACC is an advocate for the state’s community colleges and the educational needs of the students they serve. For more information about MACC and Maryland’s community colleges, visit www.mdacc.org or call (410) 974-8117.

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