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Dr. Richard G. Carpenter
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Dear Richard:

I am delighted to offer the support of the American Association of Community Colleges for the Virtual Community College simulation you are developing.

Among AACCC's major priorities is the identification and training of a new generation of leaders for community colleges, especially as the sector faces significant retirements in leadership ranks in the next few years. As community colleges expand in size and complexity—nearly half of all undergraduates in the United States attend community colleges, and that number is growing—it is increasingly important to have well-equipped leaders who can navigate current and future challenges in the service of these students.

VCC will be a vital tool in training not only leaders, but also the whole range of managers and senior staff across all the administrative functions of community colleges. It will complement and extend AACCC's *Presidents Academy* and our *Future Leaders Institute* initiatives, and has the potential for far-reaching implementation on individual campuses as well.

On behalf of our more than 1,100 member institutions—as well as my colleagues on the staff and board—I commend you for your work in creating this important new tool. We look forward to assisting your team as the project develops, and to implementing the Virtual Community College simulation in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George R. Boggs". The signature is written in a cursive style.

George R. Boggs
President and CEO