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Dear Doug and Al:

The League for Innovation in the Community College has a strong track record of supporting institutional transformation through research, innovation, and experimentation in this vital and dynamic sector of higher education. In this tradition, we are delighted to endorse the Virtual Community College (VCC) simulation, which will allow community college leaders to test scenarios and develop innovative strategies for addressing challenges and serving students and their communities.

We are especially excited by VCC's use of state-of-the-art web-based technology, an approach that we have employed with great success in our "Technology and Learning Community" initiative to foster asynchronous professional development and learning opportunities for community college leaders. VCC offers a powerful extension of those capacities; we look forward to incorporating VCC into our overall professional development offerings as well.

Our more than 800 member institutions stand to benefit significantly from the kind of hands-on training that VCC offers, especially as community colleges adapt to new student populations, fiscal challenges and opportunities, and leadership models.

Please let me know how we can be of assistance as the development and implementation of the Virtual Community College.

Sincerely,

  
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