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### *A Message from the President*

*Dr. Linda Gronberg-Quinn, President  
Director – Teacher Education, Community College of Baltimore County*

It is my pleasure to introduce John Bailey, a Secondary Education major at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), as this year's Student member of the NACCTEP Executive Board. John is in his third semester at CCBC and is exploring all his options regarding where he will transfer once completing his degree. While John wants to teach Social Studies, he is not committed to middle or high school, instead, he is open to all possibilities. Perhaps his dedication to secondary education can be traced to his journey as a student, realizing in 11<sup>th</sup> grade that he wanted to be a teacher. John notes that for him, that special teacher that we all seem to have was Ms. Luckie. She was highly influential, brutally honest, and had a story for everything.



John was born and raised in Baltimore. His household includes a younger sister in middle school and two miniature poodles. He believes in paying it forward as he works with a program in Baltimore, Thread. Thread works with Baltimore City students who are underperforming. However, they do not only address academic issues, but they also address social issues. John works as a mentor to a young man and provides him with exposure to places and experiences which the young man may otherwise not experience. John serves as the President of the Aspiring Educator group associated with the Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA). He is also the Co-Chair of the Recruitment and Retention of Educators of Color Task Force with MSEA.

While it does not seem that John could have spare time, he enjoys video games and intellectual conversations. Additionally, he enjoys watching the Baltimore Ravens. I think John may have a future as a diplomat. When asked who his favorite professor is at CCBC, he noted that they all are.

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***Members - we need your voice and would love to hear about your school's achievements, innovations, and future plans for a column in future newsletters. We are also looking for reviews or recommendations of current trending articles related to teacher education. Please contact us at [nacctep@riosalado.edu](mailto:nacctep@riosalado.edu) with your ideas TODAY!***

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## *A Message from the Executive Director*

*Julie Ferin, Instructional Services Supervisor, Rio Salado College*



Dear NACCTEP Supporters,

Welcome again to the fall semester! I hope that our fall newsletter finds you healthy and optimistic for the upcoming year. I realize the start of the year may look different than last year. Many organizations and institutions welcome their faculty, staff, and students back, continuing in a remote environment. Others are trying a hybrid model that may be unique to other years, and some are back in person embracing this new normal. Whichever your environment, may you approach it with confidence in those leading the transition and grace for yourself as you adapt to the ever-changing expectations. Thank you for investing in teacher education and believing that although the future of the learning and teaching environment looks different, you still can inspire others by your actions.

If you are looking for a little or a lot of inspiration, check out a couple of our upcoming NACCTEP Events this fall!

- Monthly Coffee Chats: Our next Coffee Chat is Friday, October 15th at 8:30 am MST with Guest Speaker Michael W. Collins, sharing one student's testimonial and how community college opened doors for him. Our Coffee Chats allow you to connect with others to discuss education-related topics in an informal environment. Access upcoming Coffee Chats or sign up to be a Guest Speaker click here: <https://www.nacctep.org/coffee-chats.html>
- Fall 2021 Socio-Emotional Learning Institute on November 7th -10th! The first part of the Institute will be an asynchronous discussion on SEL practices from November 7th-9th. The second part of the Institute will be a live, synchronous session hosted on November 10th at 9:30am MST. Our presenter, Mrs. Nicole Trombley, a Lead Education Strategist in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, will conclude the Institute by discussing how she implements SEL in her practice and how you can in your classrooms, too! For those who complete the asynchronous and synchronous portions, PD hours will be awarded, Visit the [NACCTEP website](#) to register and learn more.

I would like to encourage you and your organization to become NACCTEP Members. We are committed to providing opportunities and resources that will benefit members throughout the year. Check out some of NACCTEP's Membership benefits below:

- Networking Opportunities: Members can connect with other teacher education professionals from across the country at various professional development events.

- Members Directory: Once your membership is activated, you will have access to a network of other education professionals.
- Executive Board Involvement: Members have opportunities to nominate, vote, and participate on the NACCTEP Board.
- National Lobbying Efforts: NACCTEP advocates for community college teacher education programs nationally through virtual and in-person events.
- Annual Conference: Members enjoy discounted access to the NACCTEP hosted conference. See this past year’s presenters: <https://www.nacctep.org/2021-conference.html>.
- Members-Only: Check out the tools and resources available exclusively to our members.

I am confident you will find NACCTEP’s events, resources, and tools worth it! Sign up for a membership here: [NACCTEP; Become a Member!](#)

Have a wonderful fall semester, and we are looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming NACCTEP events.

Julie Ferin  
NACCTEP Executive Director

***Membership is on a rolling basis to ensure YOU enjoy a full 12 months of benefits!***

Membership Category	2021 Dues
Student	\$25
Individual	\$100
Institution	\$400 for up to 5 members
Institution Additional	\$75 per additional member

**The 2021 NACCTEP Member Application and online payment portal can be found on our website.**

Please consider adding the following statement to you signature block:

**(I/My College/My Organization) is a proud member of the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Program (NACCTEP.)**

*If you know of or are a graduate of a community college teacher preparation program, we need your voice and would love to hear about your achievements, career plans and future aspirations. Visit our website and submit your information via our [Alumni Connection](#) TODAY!*

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*Maricopa Community Colleges*  
**Future Educators Conference**

**October 1, 2021**

8:45a - 12:15p



*Dr. Tawn Hauptli*  
*Faculty & Chair*  
*Education Studies Department*  
*Mesa Community College*

<https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/education-studies>



*Rene' Manning*  
*Director Undergraduate Studies*  
*Educator Preparation Programs*  
*Rio Salado College*

<https://www.riosalado.edu/degrees-certificates/education>

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) has a long history of leading the efforts and supporting initiatives and program development at the local, state, and national efforts in support of the education industry. The National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) is one such effort.

Nearly 20 years ago the first MCCCD Future Educators Conference was hosted at Estrella Mountain Community College. The one-day, in-person event was modeled in the fashion of conferences that professionals in our field attend to network and hear from thought leaders in the industry. Since that first conference was held, education faculty from the 10 MCCCD colleges have rotated hosting the conference on their campus. Attendance was usually capped at 300 people.

When the Corona Virus disrupted the approach to teaching and learning, we made the difficult decision to cancel the fall 2020 conference. And, as we have discovered, the challenges COVID has caused have also provided us with opportunities.

We are pleased to announce the Fall 2021 MCCCD Future Educators Conference, themed [The Changing Landscape of Education](#). This spectacular event is being hosted virtually for the first time ever and has allowed for a true district-wide collaboration. Co-chairs Tawn Hauptli, Mesa Community College and Rene' Manning, Rio Salado College have worked hard to bring

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attendees a professional development experience suitable for early childhood educators, pre-service & in-service teachers, higher education faculty, administrators and support personnel across the spectrum of the educational community.

Due to the generosity of the Maricopa County Community College District, this virtual event can accommodate at least 1000 attendees. National thought leader Eric Sheniger and international thought leader Trevor MacKenzie are featured speakers at the event.

The conference hosts over 17 sessions. Attendees can choose from a 30-minute talk or 45-minute interactive session based on topics ranging from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, Inquiry Models of Instruction, Technology in the Classroom, Trauma Informed Instruction, and more. You don't want to miss this conference!

Registration is free!

For more information contact Rayne Gaydos at [rayne.gaydos@riosalado.edu](mailto:rayne.gaydos@riosalado.edu).

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The **Ambassador Program** is an opportunity to network with other education professionals, build community and develop mutually professional relationships with institutions and other community college teacher education programs. The goal of the program is to serve as a mentor and guide to members who have questions regarding teacher education and who do not have immediate access to the Executive Board.

#### **Program Objectives**

- To develop leaders on a national level with a significant role coordinating regional representation.
- To increase communication with selected states in an assigned region.
- To unite with selected member states to encourage participation in NACCTEP at the national and local levels.
- To serve as a liaison between Board members and member states.
- To recruit and retain members in an assigned region.
- To support NACCTEP during the annual conference.
- To contribute articles and ideas to the NACCTEP Newsletter.

**If you would like to become a NACCTEP Ambassador please contact us at**  
**[nacctep@riosalado.edu](mailto:nacctep@riosalado.edu)**

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## New Opportunities on the Horizon for Maricopa Community Colleges

*Dr. Jennifer Gresko, Secretary  
Faculty Chair – Education Programs, Rio Salado College*

While Arizona is not the first to engage in discussions regarding offering bachelor's degrees within community colleges, it is a time of celebration as these discussions have turned into legislative approved possibilities for the Maricopa Community College system. In fact, 23 other states, several are our southwest region neighbors, already offer bachelor's degrees. Maricopa County Community College District discussions and initiatives towards offering bachelor's degrees dates back 25 plus years. On May 4th, 2021, Arizona passed SB 1453 which officially goes into law September 29, 2021. This legislative action provides opportunities, access, and affordable opportunities beyond an associate's degree with the Maricopa System.



Passage of SB 1453 marks a new era of higher education in Arizona that brings much work to be done. May through July 2021, Maricopa engaged in discovery meetings within our system inviting regional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), to discuss the requirements for approving such degrees as a part of the systematic adoption of structures, processes, and policies. Maricopa's next steps, September through October 2021, asks each of the individual colleges to select their proposed program recommendations for which the college supports enrolling students as soon as fall 2023.

Once programs are officially selected, collaboration across the district colleges will begin in this area. Curriculum development, program plans, and HLC applications must be agreed upon, created, and approved before offering programs to students. Also, programs such as a bachelor's degree leading to teacher certification will need to be approved by the Arizona State Board of Education. This strategic planning will ensure that students are provided high quality learning opportunities in workforce development areas.

Providing bachelor degree opportunities that are affordable and lead to workforce development are the main drivers in this initiative. Through legislative action, current understanding is that tuition rates will be a minimum of \$85 and a maximum of \$127.50 per credit hour. Should a bachelor's degree with teacher certification be one of the areas selected, an affordable option for students wanting to teach will exist. Arizona consistently places in the lowest end of pay for teachers nationally. Low teacher pay and the high cost of earning a degree to become certified is one of the factors leading to a tremendous teacher shortage in Arizona.

What does the future hold? Well, a heavy lift for sure. However, the excitement for the opportunities and affordable options for students to enter the workforce is mighty. As the planning process continues, we'll watch to see if a bachelor's degree with certification comes to fruition. Follow NACCTEP on social media, newsletter, and at the spring 2022 conference to learn more about how the continuing work in this area develops!

**NACCTEP Events**

**Coffee Chats** – Third Friday of each month at 8:30 AM MST – Zoom information is provided via email and on social media.

**FREE** **NACCTEP'S FALL TEACHERS INSTITUTE**  
 Socio-Emotional Learning for Teacher Educators & Pre-Service Teachers

Earn Professional Development Hours

- Socio-Emotional Strategies for Teachers
- Supporting Socio-Emotional Learning for Students
- Calming Strategies for Teachers and Students
- Teaching Cognitive, Social and Emotional Skills

**SAVE THE DATE**

Asynchronous participation begins:  
 Discussion Board November 7th-9th

Live Presentation November 10th at 9:30am MST

**Register at [NACCTEP.org/SELI](https://nacctep.org/SELI)**

**Conference** – Tentatively scheduled as an in-person event to be held in Phoenix, AZ in April 2022. Keep an eye on our website and for emails with specific dates, themes, and registration information.