



# CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RETENTION EXCELLENCE

## Community Colleges: Their Time Has Come

Featuring

- **A Research-based Perspective on the Role and Future of Community Colleges from a Senior Researcher at Community College Research Center at Columbia University**
- **Overview from several Connecticut Community College leaders**
- **Insights on community college experience from several students**
- **Best practices at Rockland (NY) Community College by veteran educators – after-lunch presentation**

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**Friday, April 24, 2015, 9 AM – 3 PM**  
**Tunxis Community College, Farmington, Connecticut**

Community Colleges have for decades been available to a wide range of students, from the challenged to the gifted. With increasing costs of higher education and an uncertain economy, community colleges will continue to grow in importance as a gateway to further education, employment and productive citizenship for more students. Connecticut's fine community colleges, working in partnership with its excellent state universities and the University of Connecticut, will figure prominently in such outcomes.

Community colleges are thus critical to higher education in Connecticut and the U.S., and the importance of this role will continue to increase, despite of financial pressures that challenge these institutions' core mission. More community colleges are experimenting with new approaches to engaging and retaining their diverse clientele.

This conference will focus on the critical role that community colleges play in providing education - sometimes the only education that many students get - leading to real jobs and, for some, more higher education. Especially timely in light of President Obama's ambitious - and controversial - proposal for "free community college."

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**Attendance limited to the first 75 people to register.**

A fee of \$95 includes light breakfast and lunch, and a registration binder with relevant information and the work of the presenting programs.

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***Please mail your registration fee of \$95 to:***

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**Light breakfast, at 8:30 AM, and lunch will be served. The program will begin at 9:00 AM.**

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