

MONDAY MOTIVATION

We need Your Monday Motivational Videos!

Experts have said that one of the best things we can do during this challenging time is to stay in touch with one another, and a weekly shout out to colleagues is a GREAT way to do that! Maria's video this morning was from the heart, and that's the best way to send a message of hope, encouragement and strength that, I guarantee you, someone needs to hear today.

I hope you will allow ACCCA to help get your message out there as well! These brief videos can be as simple as telling someone to hang in there, recommending a good book or webinar, or describing a best practice that's working for you at the moment. Just a minute to two minutes max, these videos can come from your phone or desktop and don't need to be high production value documentaries. Click here to view an information sheet describing how you can easily make and submit your video today!

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

Advocating for YOU: ACCCA Joins Coalition to Support AB 2101 and YOUR CalSTRS Creditable Compensation

ACCCA and ACSA have joined with a number of other education entities to support AB 2101 which, among other things, will address compensation and the associated service credit for all employer-approved compensated leaves of absence creditable to CalSTRS. Read our joint letter of support here.

ACCCA PAC Needs Your Support!

You know that your membership in ACCCA includes a robust advocacy effort based on a platform that supports administrators and their institutions. *Currently*, 96% of your dues are tax deductible, but the 4% that is not is allocated to supporting direct advocacy on

your behalf.

Supporting this valuable benefit are the fundamental tools we use to conduct advocacy including an active Commission for Finance, Legislation and Advocacy [CFLA]; weekly communications to keep you informed and, most importantly, the dedicated services of a lobbyist/advocate working in your best interest. Our advocate monitors legislation and policy, represents you before the Legislature and other state agencies, and tracks the movements of STRS/PERS policy to alert us when direct advocacy is needed to protect your retirement benefits. AB 2101 noted above is just one example of that.

Like all of you, the pandemic has greatly impacted our budget, and fortunately our political action committee, ACCCA PAC, has been instrumental in helping to fund these efforts without interruption.

Currently only one tenth of ACCCA members have chosen to contribute to the PAC, but increasing that number will help us continue this essential work. I encourage you to make a one-time contribution today, or add a monthly amount to your dues deduction and help us continue the fight for you. To access the one-time contribution form, click here. If you want to add to your monthly dues, contact Christel Mikami and she will happily assist you. Thank you for keeping ACCCA Advocacy strong!

Demystifying the Budget for Administrators & Managers Who Are NOT the CBO

We've been hearing a lot of great feedback about our webinar series for administrators and the growing resources page related to it, and we're working hard with our partners at the Foundation to bring you a new "how to" session every month. Our next webinar is set to air at the end of August, and it will be dedicated to helping members and other administrators who don't happen to be a CBO, gain a better grasp of the issues surrounding the financial crisis and Covid-19 funding, and get their questions answered. Friday's Budget Workshop presented by the Chancellor's Office was very informative, but it was aimed at the district CBO and executive leadership, and was highly technical in nature.

As an administrator or manager who isn't the CBO, you may have questions about why decisions are being made the way they are and what the near term implications will be for your division, department or area. As we develop the content for this webinar, it would be helpful to understand what questions you may have or issues you need clarity on. Please take our quick poll today and let us know. Based on your responses, we will assemble a panel and related resources to help get the answers you seek.

That's it for now, have a great Monday and a productive week!

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