

Dear AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services,

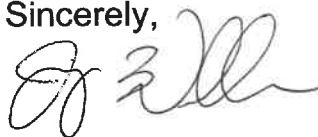
Please accept this letter in support of Dr. Matthew Gotschall for the American Association of Community College (AACC) Board of Directors.

I have worked closely with Matt in many capacities while serving as Hastings Campus President at Nebraska Central Community College. Dr. Gotschall has consistently demonstrated positive leadership qualities that has led to CCC being recognized as a leading institution in the Midwest. In addition to serving on statewide boards and remaining active in the core of peer reviewers for Higher Learning Commission, Dr. Gotschall has been a huge advocate for AACC.

Matt has served on multiple AACC commissions, presented at AACC's 2023 Future Leaders Institute and has advocated for his executive cabinet to join AACC. I have personally served on AACC commissions based on the encouragement of Dr. Gotschall. As President of Danville Community College, I re-established our college AACC membership, and have sent three vice presidents to the Future Presidents Institute simply because of my trust in Dr. Gotschall's support of AACC.

Having witnessed Matt interact with students, lead faculty and oversee the completion of many projects it is evident he has the capabilities to serve as valuable AACC Board of Director. Dr. Gotschall is quite professional, has good interpersonal skills and is very resourceful. The combination of Mr. Gotschall's practical experiences and academic accomplishments makes him a perfect candidate for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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December 7, 2023

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
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Dear Colleagues,

I support the nomination of Dr. Matt Gotschall, President of Central Community College in Nebraska to the AACC Board of Directors. His dedication and service to students at community colleges is evident.

During his Presidency at Central Community College, the institution has been named the 2023 #1 Best for Vets in the two-year college category by *Military Times*, a 2023 Gold Star Institution by the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), and frequently wins Innovation of the Year by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

Central Community College's recent involvement with AACC include several grant awards including: AACC's Equity Transfer Initiative, AACC/Google Certification, AACC/Microsoft Cybersecurity for All, and AACC/Metallica Scholars.

Dr. Gotschall remains active as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. He serves on statewide boards for workforce development. Dr. Gotschall serves as Treasurer for the Postsecondary International Network. He has served on multiple AACC commissions, presented at AACC's 2023 Future Leaders' Institute, and is a frequent attendee at many annual and legislative conferences of both AACC and ACCT.

Matt has more than 30 years of experience at community colleges in both Kansas and Nebraska including the last five as President of Central Community College. As a fellow President of a peer institution in Nebraska, I have had the privilege of working with Matt on several occasions in our current and former roles over the past 20 plus years. Matt represents his institution and his peers of Nebraska well consistently and I believe he will do the same as a representative for a larger region in this nominated role.

I encourage you to support Dr. Matt Gotschall for the AACC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ryan C. Purdy'.

Ryan C. Purdy
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Dear AACC Voting Members,

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Matt Gotschall's candidacy to serve on the Board for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Matt and I were campus president peers at Central Community College and have served together on the AACC's Small and Rural Colleges Commission. CCC is an active member of the NJCCA and I know Matt understands rural college needs.

Matt has served at the community college level for almost thirty years. He spent nine years in roles at Barton Community College in Great Bend, Kansas before serving 20 years as an administrator for Central Community College (CCC) in Nebraska. While at CCC, Matt was a Campus President for the Columbus Campus prior to taking over as President of the multi-campus institution five years ago.

As college president, Central Community College has been named the 2023 #1 Best for Vets in the two-year college category by *Military Times*, a 2023 Gold Star Institution by the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and regular Innovation of the Year winners by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges. Recent AACC involvement has included grant awards including AACC's Equity Transfer Initiative, AACC/Google Certification, AACC/Microsoft Cybersecurity for All, and AACC/Metallica Scholars program. In addition to remaining active in the core of peer reviewers for the Higher Learning Commission, Matt serves on statewide boards for workforce development and treasurer of the Postsecondary International Network (PIN). In addition, he has served on multiple AACC commissions, presented at AACC's 2023 Future Leaders' Institute and have attended many annual and legislative conferences of both AACC and ACCT.

Currently there no Board members from Nebraska, Kansas or Iowa so the hope is to have Matt Gotschall provide a voice for the central United States on the AACC Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dr. Michael Calvert
President
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December 26, 2023

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c/o Tammy Reichelt
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Dear Ms. Reichelt,

I am writing this letter in wholehearted support of Matthew Gotschall to serve as Board member for the American Association of Community College (AACC). In my experience and observation, Matthew has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, diligence, and a commendable work ethic.

Mr. Gotschall serves as the President of Central Community College, a multi campus institution. During his tenure, the college was voted Best for Vets in the two-year college category by Military Times, a 2023 Gold Star Institution by the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and is a regular Innovation of the Year winner by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges. He has also worked collaboratively with several AACC initiatives.

I have had the opportunity to work with Matthew as part of the Postsecondary International Network (PIN). PIN is committed to creating a high trust, thought-provoking, and solution-oriented network for post-secondary executive leaders who want to make a difference. Mr. Gotschall has served as a leader of the organization for many years and has contributed to its development. He has been a beacon of consistency for the organization as it navigated through COVID-19 and the development of new initiatives. I have seen firsthand his expression of kind and fair leadership that has served the PIN organization well.

Throughout our professional interactions, Matthew has exhibited a remarkable ability to tackle challenges with a positive attitude and strategic mindset. His commitment to achieving excellence is evident in the quality of his work and the positive impact he has on those around him.

Matthew's collaborative nature and strong communication skills make him an invaluable team member. He not only contributes effectively to group endeavors but also inspires and motivates his colleagues to strive for excellence. His leadership qualities are characterized by a rare combination of empathy and decisiveness, fostering a positive and productive work environment.

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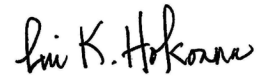
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I have witnessed Matthew's capacity to adapt to new situations and learn quickly, showcasing his versatility and resilience. His passion for continuous improvement and innovative thinking make him an asset to any project or initiative he undertakes.

In conclusion, I am confident that Matthew Gotschall's skills, character, and dedication make him an excellent candidate for any endeavor he pursues. I wholeheartedly recommend him and believe he will make significant contributions to the American Association of Community Colleges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lui K. Hokoana". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lui K. Hokoana, EdD
Chancellor

12/14/2023



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Dear AACC,

It is my extreme honor to write this letter of reference/support for Matt Gotschall for election to the AACC Board of Directors. I can not think of a better individual to represent the voice of rural community colleges across the nation.

I have known Matt for over twenty-eight (28) years. While I was at Barton County Community College in Kansas, Matt was my supervisor. He is the one that encouraged me to work on my doctoral degree, he guided me toward the appropriate program, and supported me throughout that journey.

We all have had supervisors in our past that have had a profound impact on our careers, and Matt is that person for me. When I began at Barton, I was a relatively new director, and in this role, he mentored me, challenged me, and allowed me the freedom to be innovative.

I has been a pleasure for me to watch his career flourish, and I have not been surprised to see the successes he has led including Central Community College being named the 2023 #1 Best for Vets in the two year college category by *Military Times* and a 2023 Gold Star Institution by the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Under his leadership, the institution has been regular Innovation of the Year winners by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

Matt has consistently supported the efforts of AACC including grant awards including AACC's Equity Transfer Initiative, AACC/Google Certification, AACC/Microsoft Cybersecurity for All, and AACC/Metallica Scholars program. Additionally, he has served on multiple AACC commissions, presented at AACC's 2023 Future Leaders' Network, and dependably attends the AACC annual conference.

Matt is a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission and serves on statewide boards for workforce development. His genuine care and commitment to the values of community colleges and the students we serve is evident in his work over the past two decades.

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I can not think of another community college president I would rather have serve on the Board and represent the voice or rural community colleges than Matt.

I know that he will fiercely and tirelessly dedicate his time and energy to the AACC Board. Matt is one of the most genuine, caring, and committed individuals I have worked with. This is the reason we have stayed in touch over the years even when our careers took us to different places.

I know that when it comes time to vote for the AACC Board, my vote would have been cast for Matt without a second thought even if I didn't write a letter of support.

Sincerely,



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