Organizations

**ACPA College Student Educators International**  
[http://www2.myacpa.org/acpa-home](http://www2.myacpa.org/acpa-home)

**American Association of Community Colleges**  
[http://www.aacc.nche.edu/](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/)  
Founded in 1920, this organization is the primary advocate at the national level for community colleges. “AACC supports and promotes its member colleges through policy initiatives, innovative programs, research and information and strategic outreach to business and industry and the national news media.”

**American Association for Women in Community Colleges**  
The American Association for Women in Community Colleges is committed to equity and excellence in education and employment for women in community, junior, and technical colleges.

**American Council on Education**  
[http://www.acenet.edu/](http://www.acenet.edu/)  
The American Council on Education is the nation's coordinating higher education association. Its approximately 1,800 members include accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities from all sectors of higher education and other education and education-related organizations.

**American Indian Higher Education Consortium**  
The American Indian Higher Education Consortium is an informal collaboration among 32 member colleges. The Consortium's mission is to support the work of these institutions and the national movement for tribal self-determination.

**Association of Community College Trustees**  
The Association of Community College Trustees is a nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States, Canada, and England.

**Aspen Institute**  
The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues.

**Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**  
*Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1905 and chartered in 1906 by an act of Congress, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is an independent policy and research center. Improving teaching and learning has always been Carnegie’s motivation and heritage.*

**Community College Association of Texas Trustees**  
The Mission of this new organization founded in 2008 is "to unite and mobilize college trustees to work with the Texas Association of Community Colleges in advocating for and further advancing education,
education related legislation, and increased recognition of the impact of community colleges on the economy of Texas."

Community College Research Center  
http://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/History.asp  
The Community College Research Center (CCRC) is the leading independent authority on the nation’s more than 1,200 two-year colleges. Since our inception, CCRC’s consortium of researchers has strategically assessed the problems and performances of community colleges. Our mission is to conduct research on the major issues affecting community colleges in the United States and to contribute to the development of practice and policy that expands access to higher education and promotes success for all students. CCRC’s extensive body of research provides a strong foundation on which to build new policies and initiatives to improve the outcomes of these institutions so integral to the higher education system, employment landscape, and national economy.

Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
http://www.sacscoc.org/  
The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission’s mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the Commission on Colleges that award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, or doctoral degrees. The Commission also accepts applications from other international institutions of higher education.”

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)  
http://www.hacu.net  
The Champions of Hispanic Success in Higher Education, HACU represents more than 350 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI).

Legal Information Institute  
http://www.law.cornell.edu/  
A not-for-profit group that believes everyone should be able to read and understand the laws that govern them without cost. It is a small research, engineering, and editorial group housed at the Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY. Collaborators include publishers, legal scholars, computer scientists, government agencies, and other groups and individuals that promote open access to law, worldwide.

League for Innovation in the Community College  
http://wwwleague.org/  
The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international organization dedicated to the community college movement. The League hosts conferences and institutes, develops Web resources, conducts research, produces publications, provides services, and leads projects and initiatives with our member colleges, corporate partners, and other agencies.
National Academic Advising Association  
http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/  
“The NATIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISING ASSOCIATION (NACADA) promotes and supports quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students. NACADA provides a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas pertaining to academic advising through numerous activities and publications. NACADA also serves as an advocate for effective academic advising by providing a Consulting and Speaker Service, an Awards Program, and funding for Research related to academic advising.”

National Association for Developmental Education  
http://www.nade.net/  
NADE seeks to improve the theory and practice of developmental education at all levels of the educational spectrum, the professional capabilities of developmental educators, and the design of programs to prepare developmental educators.

National Association of College and University Business Officers  
http://www.nacubo.org/  
The National Association of College and University Business Officers is a nonprofit professional organization representing chief administrative and financial officers at more than 2,100 colleges and universities across the country. Their mission is to promote sound management and financial practices at colleges and universities.

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)  
http://www.naspa.org/  
“NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy, and practice, and affirms the commitment of the student affairs profession to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning. With over 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses, and representing 29 countries, NASPA is the foremost professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty, and graduate and undergraduate students. NASPA members are committed to serving college students by embracing the core values of diversity, learning, integrity, collaboration, access, service, fellowship, and the spirit of inquiry.

National Council of Instructional Administrators  
http://www.nciaonline.org  
The National Council of Instructional Administrators is committed to leadership innovation, advocacy, and development for the improvement of teaching and learning.

National Council for Marketing and Public Relations  
http://www.ncmpr.org/home  
The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations is the only organization of its kind that represents marketing and PR professionals at community and technical colleges.

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development 
http://www.nisod.org/  
The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development is a nonprofit consortium of colleges and universities who share a philosophical commitment to support excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership. NISOD is the outreach organization of the University of Texas at Austin Community College Leadership Program.

National Junior College Athletic Association
The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and foster junior college athletics on intersectional and national levels so that results will be consistent with the total educational program of its members.

Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education  
http://www.tache.org/  
“TACHE’s purpose is to provide state, regional, and local forums for the discussion of issues related to Chicanos/Latinos in higher education and to collaborate with institutions of higher learning to create workable solutions for these issues.

Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
http://www.tacrao.org/affiliate  
TACRAO is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional educational association of cooperating collegiate level institutions. The purpose of the Association is to advance professionally the work in the offices of admissions, records, registration and other related functions among institutions of higher learning.

Texas Association of Community Colleges  
http://www.tacc.org/index.php  
“The Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) is a non-profit association that includes all 50 public community college districts in the state. The General Appropriations Bill and legislation affecting public community colleges in general have been and remain the principal concerns of TACC.”

Texas Community College Teachers Association  
http://www.tccta.org/  
“Comprised of educators from every teaching discipline, as well as counselors, librarians, and administrators, the Texas Community College Teachers Association’s members come from all public and independent two-year colleges in Texas. TCCTA is -- by far --the largest organization of postsecondary educators in Texas.”

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/  
“The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provides leadership and coordination for the Texas higher education system. Since being created by the Texas Legislature in 1965, the Board has worked to achieve excellence for the college education of Texas students. The Board meets four times a year. Meetings occur in Austin but are usually also broadcast on the Web.” The Board has nine members appointed by the governor for six year terms.