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Dear CRD member,

One simply cannot overstate the impact that the Council for Resource Development has had on community colleges during its 50-year history. Through members like you, and those on whose shoulders you stand, you have advanced education and created opportunities for millions of people.

We salute the accomplishments and proud legacy of CRD.

As you know, CASE and CRD have signed an agreement through which CASE will provide full member benefits to any non-CASE members – at no additional cost – through 2016. We will continue the important work of the Federal Funding Task Force, offer a grant-focused conference in Washington, D.C., enhance our fundraising training for presidents and merge appropriate CRD awards into the CASE awards program. At each juncture, we will honor and celebrate CRD's role in having established and nurtured these programs and services.

We are pleased that, as of July 1, 2016, CRD Board member Dr. Joe Sopcich, President of Johnson County Community College, will begin a three-year term on the CASE Center for Community College Advancement Advisory Committee. Working with members of the CRD President's Council and other key CRD and CASE volunteers, he will help us build on the good work of CRD and, in particular, the CRD Presidents Fundraising Academy. In addition, we have invited Rosie Connor, chair of the 2016 CRD Annual Conference, to join the planning teams for the 2016 and 2017 CASE Conference for Community College Advancement.

For those whose institutions are not currently CASE members, we welcome you! Your membership will be activated automatically and we will be in touch soon with details about how to access CASE benefits and resources. Until then, if you have questions, please contact one of the following CASE staff:

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Please also visit www.case.org/communitycolleges for links to key resources and member benefits.

For institutions that are already CASE members, there is no action needed on your part. Please join us in welcoming your colleagues to the CASE family.

We are grateful to the CRD leadership – and Board Chair Leah Goss in particular – for their remarkable service and dedication. We will work with them and Lauren Maza, CRD Operations Director, to ensure a smooth transition.

The work that you do every day provides educational opportunities that transform lives and society. Yours is a heroic endeavor, and one that we are proud and eager to support.

Best wishes,

Sue Cunningham
President