

## **Statement on the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 14-15**

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For 50 years, HACC has been guided by the vision of our founders: to provide an accessible and affordable higher educational opportunity. Because of the investments made by state and local officials and because of the efficient management of our resources and the low tuition costs, HACC has stayed true to that vision and made it possible for more than 670,000 students to further their education or receive training through our programs.

The budget proposed Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, would keep funding for community colleges stagnant for the fourth straight year. Further, it would reduce the funds allocated to community college capital budget projects. Despite this proposal, we are hopeful that when the final budget is adopted in June, the commonwealth's investment in HACC, and all community colleges, will reflect the importance that the commonwealth places on providing its residents with high-quality educational and workforce training programs. We look forward to working with our legislative delegation to make that a reality.