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Canadian Colleges and Institutes Partnering to Help American Colleagues in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

Ottawa, September 14, 2005 – The member institutions of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) have risen to the challenge to assist the U.S. colleges and their students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

ACCC member institutions have stepped forward with offers ranging from assistance with fundraising through the Katrina College Assistance Fund to free tuition, waiving of international student fees, billeting arrangements, and other. ACCC is collaborating with its counterpart organization, the American Association of Community Colleges, which is mobilizing efforts stateside to ensure effective distribution of the funds raised.

“When a disaster of this magnitude strikes, the community oriented nature of our institutions makes them very sensitive to the impact on their counterparts. Our colleges and institutes have once again risen to the challenge, organizing fundraising activities and offering spaces and support to affected faculty and students,” said Gerald Brown, President, Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

ACCC is also collaborating with the Department of Foreign Affairs to identify the capacity and interest of its member institutions in offering assistance to students and faculty displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) is the national and international voice of over 150 colleges and institutes. For more information on ACCC, visit www.accc.ca.

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