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Thomas Vu joined AICCU in January 2014. As vice president for policy, he develops and manages the execution of AICCU's agenda on state and federal policy. This includes outreach and engagement responsibilities with federal and state policymakers; providing original policy development; and cultivating and managing the internal and external stakeholders required for successful policy development and implementation. Vu leads AICCU's federal advocacy—engaging with Congress, the U.S.

Department of Education, and national higher

education associations—and manages the association's communications efforts. He also represents the independent higher education sector on the governing board of the Cradle-to-Career Data System Office, staffs the AICCU Education Deans and Directors Council, and liaises with the state's Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

Vu's career has been spent in government relations and public policy. Prior to joining AICCU, he worked at the California Chamber of Commerce as a policy advocate with a portfolio that included transportation and infrastructure, workers' compensation, and international relations and trade. Vu was the legislative director for the California Special Districts Association, where he lobbied on local government-related legislation. He also has policy experience in healthcare, land use, and economic development.

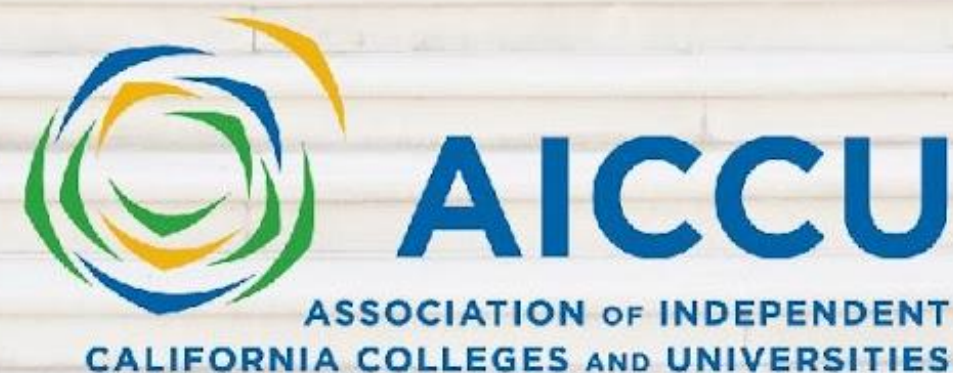
Vu graduated from UC San Diego with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Economics, and a minor in Literature and has a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy from Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, VA.



AICCU Data Provider Update

Cradle-to-Career Governing Board Meeting

August 15, 2025



AICCU & independent higher education

Independent nonprofit higher education

- Defined in state law: EDC 66010(b)
- Nonprofit, degree-granting institutions
- Enrollment: 184,300 4-year UG, 162,400 Graduate
- 25,000 Cal Grant, 47,600 Pell Grant, 40,500 nontraditional learners
- Provide access and education to key workforce fields



AICCU & independent higher education

AICCU: Who we are and what we do

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit, established in 1955
- 85+ members, WASC-accredited
- Unified voice for policy advocacy
- Group purchasing and corporate partnerships



AICCU & independent higher education

AICCU: Public policy engagement

- Participation in Associate Degree for Transfer, ASSIST, Common Course Numbering
- Formal representation on: Student Aid Commission, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, C2C
- ICCAP





AICCU and the C2C

Partnership among C2C, NSC, and AICCU

- Streamlined pathway for data reporting to C2C
 - National Student Clearinghouse addendum
- 23 have signed addendums
- 14 have submitted data
- 9 will begin in the upcoming submission



AICCU and the C2C

Partnership among C2C, NSC, and AICCU

- Host informational webinars with C2C staff
 - Purpose, benefit and privacy and security
- Student pathways dashboard – opportunity for more participation
- Other engagement ideas?





Questions?

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