

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**Wright College hosts National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges  
2008 Conference Tour**

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**REPORTS** that on August 5, 2008, Wright College hosted a tour group of presidents, Chief Executive Officers and Chancellors of the community college system from across the United States. The tour was included as an agenda item for participants of the National Council for State Directors of Community Colleges.

that the President and the Executive Director of Business and Industry Services welcomed 35 participants and showcased the successful partnerships established by the City Colleges between government, business and education. Mayor's Office of Workforce Development Commissioner David Hanson spoke to the council on the successful partnership. Freedman Seating President Craig Freedman presented the success of these partnerships from the business perspective. Jane Addams Resource Corporation Executive Director Ray Prendergast and Bill Gerstein, Principal of Austin Polytechnical Academy, spoke of partnership effectiveness between community based organizations and the High School level.

that participants also received information from the high technology industry of Winzeler Gear president, John Winzeler. Eli's Cheesecake President, Marc Schulman, provided a more detailed need for more partnerships like these are needed and should the model for success in the future. During lunch, Marc Schulman further reinforced the wide scope of possibilities when business, government and education work together. David Gilligan, Director of High School Programs brought the Chicago Public School perspective.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

October 2, 2008