Dear Bruce,

If you were with us in Seattle a couple of years ago, you'll recall the dynamic conversation with Bill Gates that opened the ACCT Leadership Congress. Bill and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been great supporters of higher education, with a special focus on student success, and the Foundation has helped ACCT to make headway in these areas through supporting the Governance Institutes for Student Success and our annual Symposium on Student Success.

Bill also has a special interest in one of the things that is of interest to us all: increasing employment opportunities for more Americans. He asked me to pass along the following message to you. It discusses what our colleges need to do today to shift the culture so that we will be ready for the needs of tomorrow. As October approaches, bringing with it the 2015 ACCT Leadership Congress, I hope you will give these concerns some thought and share your ideas when we convene this fall in San Diego.

Sincerely,

J. Noah Brown
President and CEO
A Message from Bill Gates
Help Wanted: 11 Million College Grads

By Bill Gates

This spring more than 2 million students across the US are doing something I've never done. They're graduating from college.
That's an achievement we should all celebrate. Although I dropped out of college and got lucky pursuing a career in software, getting a degree is a much surer path to success.

College graduates are more likely to find a rewarding job, earn higher income, and even, evidence shows, live healthier lives than if they didn't have degrees. They also bring training and skills into America's workforce, helping our economy grow and stay competitive. That benefits everyone.

It's just too bad that we're not producing more of them.
As the class of 2015 prepares to join the workforce, what many people may not realize is that America is facing a shortage of college graduates.

Read more at Gates Notes: The blog of Bill Gates.