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## College preps students for future

Marc Tucker's May 22 letter defends the National Center on Education and the Economy's report criticizing remedial education at community colleges. His letter, like the report, offers generalizations that are out of touch with my and my fellow students' experiences at Miami Dade College (MDC).

Tucker says that "community college instructors expect very little from incoming freshmen." This suggests an academic environment devoid of challenge and rigor, which couldn't be further from the truth. I enrolled in college because I wanted to be challenged and prepared for a demanding work environment. My education at MDC is rooted in the ability to think critically, solve complex problems and work with others.

Every one of my courses, even the required math courses, equips me to be a lifelong learner. That's hardly the message of Tucker's letter, but it is the reality at MDC and many great community colleges across the country.

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