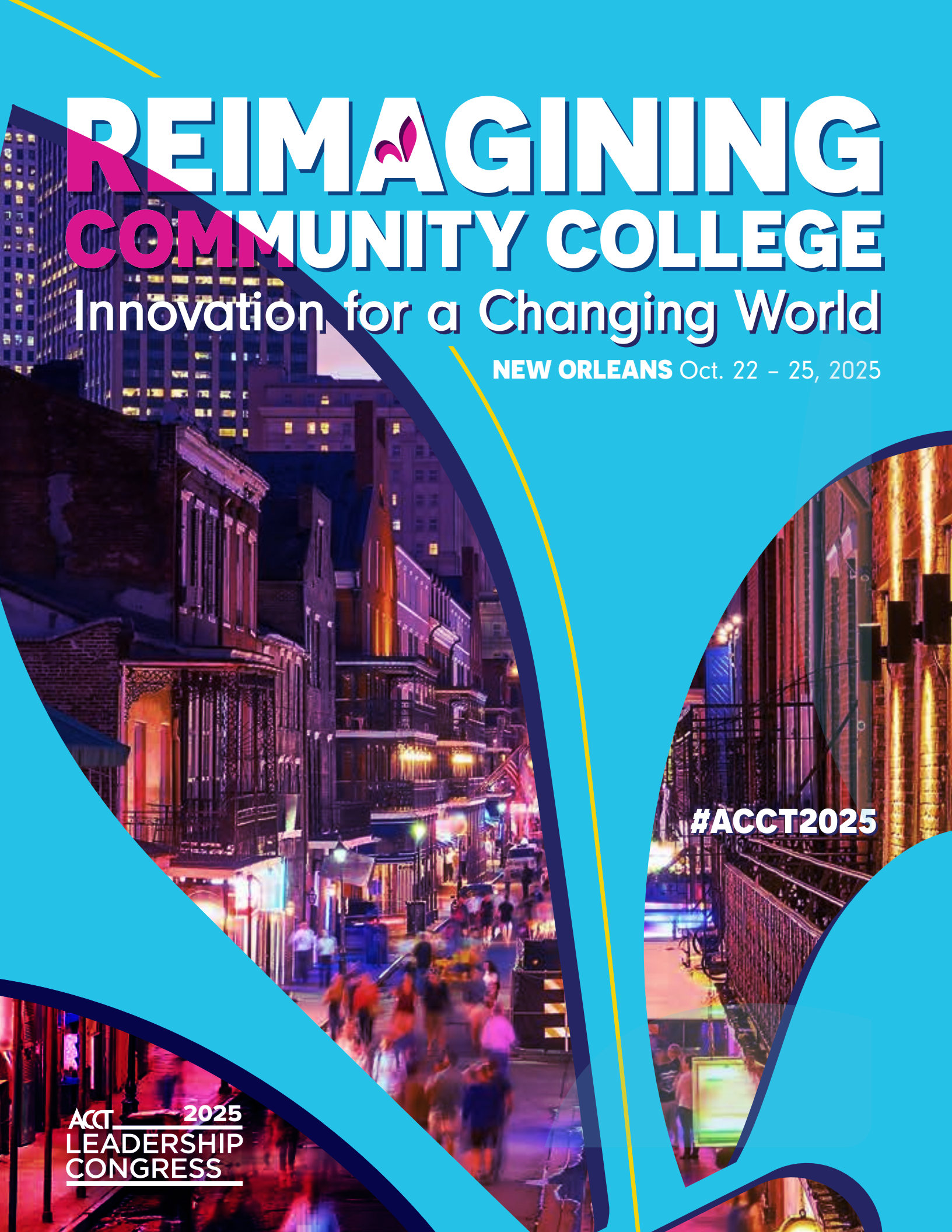




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WELCOME LETTER

WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS!

Thank you for joining us for the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress. We're thrilled to be back in New Orleans, a city that has maintained deeply rooted culture and long-held traditions while weathering great changes throughout its unique history. It's a fitting location for this year's event, as we work together to reimagine the community college sector in our changing world.

Well over 1,500 community college trustees, CEOs and other leaders are here with us, and in addition to outstanding general sessions featuring provocative and visionary keynote speakers, ACCT members and partners will present over 150 peer-to-peer sessions over the next two and a half days. We are grateful to our members, partners, sponsors, and our hosts from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for coming together to make this event a great success.

To make the most of the event, we need to ask three favors of you.

First, read through this program (or the ACCT app) to identify the sessions that are most relevant to your interests so that you'll know where you're going before you get there.

Second, be outgoing and make new connections—the more people you get to know, the more knowledge you'll acquire to bring back to your college. Please also reach out to first-time attendees to let them know they are welcome and encouraged to contribute.

And finally, share your experiences on [ACCT Connect](#). Share lessons as you learn them, post pictures and videos with one another, and take advantage of the opportunity to forge lasting relationships with new connections you make at this event through [ACCT Connect](#).

Without further ado, *[laissez les bon temps rouler!](#)*



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ACCT Chair



JEE HANG LEE
ACCT President
and CEO

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ABOUT ACCT

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CORE BELIEF:

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board of Directors, elected by member boards to represent the nation's community college governing boards, believes that citizen governance is an appropriate and democratic means by which to achieve the educational and economic goals of the nation.

THE BASIS OF OUR VALUES:

We exist to promote and advance through ACCT programs and services:

BOARDSMANSHIP

We value accountability, integrity, ethical thinking and behavior, and transparency;

ADVOCACY

We advance open access to higher education by representing the interests of community colleges at the national level;

STUDENT SUCCESS

We promote innovative policies and services that foster completion, workforce training, and transfer, especially those that

make a demonstrable positive impact for first-generation and Pell grant students;

INNOVATION

We embrace experimentation, mindful risk-taking, and evolution of the community college model; and

SERVICE

We elevate and honor the importance of public service through role modeling, mentorship, and recognition.

OUR VISION:

Through the Association of Community College Trustees, community college governing boards are **THE LEADING ADVOCATES** of the nation's community college system.

WITH APPRECIATION

The Association of Community College Trustees extends its deepest gratitude to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for serving as host of the **56th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress**.

We are especially thankful for LCTCS's generous sponsorship of the ACCT Board of Directors Dinner, and for their invaluable support in shaping this year's program—including helping to identify keynote speakers, engaging volunteers, and showcasing the incredible talents of their students and faculty.

The success of this Congress is a direct reflection of the time, energy, and dedication of our colleagues in Louisiana. We are grateful for their partnership and hospitality in welcoming the ACCT community to New Orleans.

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★ = SPECIAL REGISTRATION 📍 = TICKET REQUIRED

Wednesday, October 22nd

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Registration

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Voting Delegate Desk

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

ACCT Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

Pre-Congress Academy: Preparing for a Strong Candidacy in the CEO Search Process: Showcasing Essential Skills and Experience

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

The Big Pivot: A Continued Focus on Impact and Success

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

Strategies to Address Child Care Needs and Retain Student Parents

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

Pre-Congress Academy: The Chair's Academy—The Leadership Team of the Board

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

Pre-Congress Academy: Effective Board Governance

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.★

Pre-Congress Academy: The Trustees Role in Advocacy

1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.★

Building Momentum for Innovative Dual Enrollment Pathways Policies

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION: Welcome to New Trustees and First-Time Attendees

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable

2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

ACCT Regional and Network Meeting: ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION: Legal Issues Facing Community Colleges

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

ACCT Partnership Exchange

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, October 23rd

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Registration

Voting Delegate Desk

8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Concurrent Sessions

9:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Community College Lawyers Roundtable

12:00 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON 📍

2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Concurrent Sessions

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

ACCT Regional Caucuses and Meetings

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Professional Board Staff Network—Professional Development Session

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Association of Latino Community College Trustees Meeting

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

African American Trustees Meeting

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees Meeting

4:45 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

Joint Constituency Groups Meeting

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME RECEPTION



Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Registration

8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Voting Delegate Desk

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

ACCT Senate Meeting

9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Professional Board Staff Network Business Meeting

12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

REGIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON ⚡

2:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Concurrent Sessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

ACCT Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

ANNUAL AWARDS GALA ⚡

Saturday, October 25th

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Concurrent Sessions

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

SPECIAL SESSION: ACCT Regional and Association Awards Program

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

**SPECIAL SESSION: CEO Search Expertise:
Engage with ACCT Search Consultants and Trustees**

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION BREAKFAST ⚡

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BADGE, TICKETS, AND VOTING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT BADGE INFORMATION

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Voting delegates must sign in and receive their credentials at ACCT's Voting Delegate Desk after completing their ACCT Registration. Ballots will be distributed at the Regional Caucuses and Senate Meeting. To receive ballots, you must be wearing your ACCT badge with the special "Voting Delegate" credential. Voting delegates will be seated in a special area at the Regional Caucuses and the Senate Meeting.

INTRODUCING THE ACCT PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Studio Foyer, 2nd Floor and Acadia Foyer, 3rd Floor

Formerly known as the ACCT Marketplace, this reimagined space has been redesigned to put relationship-building at the forefront. The ACCT Partnership Exchange is your opportunity to connect with ACCT sponsors, Corporate Council members, and staff in a welcoming, collaborative environment. Discover resources,

VOTING DELEGATE REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Registration Desk, Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Registration Desk, Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

SENATE MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Mardi Gras Ballroom, Salon D/E, 3rd Floor

The ACCT Senate meeting is the official annual meeting of the association. As defined by the association Bylaws, the ACCT Senate has the full authority of the membership and is composed of the delegates of the Voting Members of the association. **All Voting Delegates should plan to attend this meeting.** During the ACCT Senate meeting, the Voting Delegates will elect Directors-at-Large to the ACCT Board of Directors and vote on any proposed resolutions and amendments to the ACCT Bylaws. A state-of-the-association report and financial report will also be shared during the meeting.

share ideas, and explore partnerships that can help advance your college's goals. Whether you're looking to expand your professional network or learn about new opportunities, the Partnership Exchange is the place to start meaningful conversations that last well beyond the conference.

MEET AN ACCT EXPERT

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

Come meet and engage in informal discussions with ACCT's Search and Retreat specialists. Come learn about ACCT Search and Retreat Services, CEO Onboarding, Board Retreats and Workshops, Board and CEO assessment and evaluation services, executive coaching and other board development services. Take advantage of ACCT's unparalleled support, extensive experience, and leadership solutions.

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HOURS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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SESSIONS BY TRACK

This section lists all concurrent session titles organized by track. For full day-by-day session schedules in chronological order, including dates, times, locations, and presenters, see pages 20-95.

INNOVATION IN THE AI ERA

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Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 A.M.

- Operation Ronin: An Innovative Solution Made Partially with AI
- Guiding Innovation: How Presidents and Trustees Are Navigating AI with Purpose

9:15 A.M.

- From Vision to Action: How Wake Tech Is Using AI and Blackboard to Redefine Teaching and Learning
- Empowering Trustees to Lead in the AI Era: Mississippi's Statewide Approach to Innovation in Community Colleges
- Real World Applications of AI at Community Colleges

10:30 A.M.

- Board of Trustees Venture Capital Funding for Artificial Intelligence Innovation
- When AI Masters It All: Education 2.0

2:00 P.M.

- Driving Community College & Adult Education Success with AI-Driven Applications
- Beyond Transformation: Building a Digital Center for Innovation, Equity, and the Future of Work in California's Community Colleges

3:15 P.M.

- Disrupting Ourselves: How Forsyth Tech Reimagined Student Success with AI and Aligned Leadership
- AI Is Coming for the Back Office, Is Your Board Ready? A Cerritos College Model for Governance in the Age of Automation

Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M.

- Fueling a Campus Culture of Innovation: The Potential is Endless
- From Wicked Problems to Winning Strategy: Student Success in Focus
- UXOs, AI and Transformation at COM-FSM

9:15 A.M.

- Unveiling the Truth: How a Community College Became the Nation's Go-To Source on Drones, AI, During the December 2024 Drone Sighting Media Hysteria

10:30 A.M.

- Empowering Community Colleges for the AI Era: The CT State Presidential AI Fellows Model
- Harnessing the Power of AI for Cutting-Edge Fraud Detection

2:15 P.M.

- From Leadership to Learning: How Trustees and Presidential Support Advanced AI Adoption in Education

3:30 P.M.

- AI in Action: Transforming Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges
- Integrating HubSpot AI training into classroom instruction to generate digital credentials that automatically lead to internship recruiting.
- Data Trek: Awakening the Data Force Across Your Campus

COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR WORKFORCE NEEDS

Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 A.M.

- Transforming Lives Through Workforce and Community Partnerships
- EnRiching Opportunities: CEJA, Equity in Action Connecting with Underserved Communities
- The Next Chapter of the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) - A Working Collaboration Aligning Education, Workforce Development, and Industry to Support Wyoming's Economic Development Needs
- Idaho LAUNCH: A Statewide Model for Workforce Readiness, Student Success, and Trustee Engagement

9:15 A.M.

- At Home, in a Mobile Lab, or in a Hospital: Health Programs Delivered through Employer Partnerships in Rural Communities
- Preparing a Globally-Competent Workforce: ACCT Opportunities and Lessons Learned
- From Vision to Reality: A Collaborative Workforce Hub for the Future
- From Challenge to Opportunity: How Nevada's Community Colleges Are Reimagining Workforce Development Through Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Alignment with Key Industry Sectors
- Transforming Communities Through Innovative Solutions: Strategies for Increasing Workforce Participation and Engagement of Non-Traditional Students

10:30 A.M.

- Fueling Louisiana's Economy: A Strategic Workforce Alliance Between LCTCS, Economic Development, and Workforce Commission
- Nursing Dual Enrollment at Golden West College (GWC): How GWC and Its Local High School Partners Are Expanding Access for High School Students to Pursue Nursing Careers
- Fueling the Future: How College of Eastern Idaho and Idaho National Lab Are Building a Regional STEM Workforce

2:00 P.M.

- From Campus Closure to Workforce Catalyst: A Community College-Led Revival
- Enhancing Capacity to Produce a Skilled Workforce through Collaborative Industry Partnerships that Facilitate Faculty and Student Pipeline Expansion

3:15 P.M.

- Accreditation Strategy That Sticks: How Data, Priorities, and Trustees Made It Real & Reportable
- Expanding the Healthcare Workforce, Stat!



Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M.

- Empowering Tomorrow's Skilled Operators and Technicians: The Role of Two-Year Technical Colleges in Workforce Development for the Nuclear Sector
- Innovations in Climate Resilience and Workforce Readiness
- Designing and Implementing a Regional Workforce Ecosystem to Break the Cycle of Poverty Cycle and Expand Regional Economic Vibrancy
- Expenditure Limit at the Ballot—Increasing the Maricopa Community College Expenditure Limitation to Continue Providing High-quality, Flexible, and Affordable Education to the Students and Communities It Serves.

9:15 A.M.

- Caring Futures: Building CNA Career Pathways Through Effective and Meaningful College Community Partnerships
- Building Maryland's Cybersecurity Workforce: A Statewide Community College Partnership Model
- Elevating Board Effectiveness Through Data-Informed Governance
- Skilling the Future Workforce: Career Readiness with Apple

10:30 A.M.

- Speaking the Language of Business: Understanding the Employer Mindset to Drive ROI in Workforce Training
- Scaling Immersive Learning: A Collaborative Model for Workforce Readiness
- Outcomes Based Funding: Advancing Credentials of Value and Workforce Preparedness

2:15 P.M.

- Fast Track to Talent: The Power of Short-Term Credentials in Manufacturing
- A Multi-faceted Approach to Meet Burgeoning Workforce Demands
- Innovative Practices from the Utah Veteran Business Resource Center (VBRC) at Salt Lake Community College
- Bridging the Skills Gap: Collaborative Approaches to Apprenticeship-Based Workforce Development Through OEM and Consortium Partnerships

3:30 P.M.

- A Comprehensive Workforce Development Strategy for Regional Revitalization Through Students' Success
- Igniting Economic Growth Through Enhanced Workforce Programs
- If It's Good for the Region, It's Good for the College

Saturday, October 25th

8:15 A.M.

- Immersive Experiences Connect the Board to Programs, Business, and Industry
- From Classroom to Career: Partnering with Industry to Scale Workforce Learning

ENROLLMENT STRATEGIES

Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 A.M.

- Strategic Planning for Student Success in a Rural Community
- Scholars Haven: High School Seniors with Housing Insecurities Get Stable On-Campus Housing to Allow Them to Focus on Completing High School and Transition to College

9:15 A.M.

- All-In: One cost for Tuition, Fees, and Textbooks
- Victor Valley College's Outreach & Enrollment Makeover: How They Did It (and What You Can Learn)

10:30 A.M.

- Unmasking Fraud: A Collaborative Approach to Detection and Prevention in Higher Education
- NJCAA Athletics - Appreciating the ROI

2:00 P.M.

- Reimagining Enrollment and Student Experience: A Conversation with the College of Southern Idaho

3:15 P.M.

- Pioneering the Future: America's First 3-Year, 92-Credit Bachelor's Degree at a Community College

Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M.

- Student Supports to Increase Enrollment: From Year-long Registration to Holistic Supports
- Unleash Untapped Potential: The Power of Adult Diploma Pathway Programs

9:15 A.M.

- From Plans to Success: The Use of Scorecards and Quarterly Action Steps

10:30 A.M.

- Equity-Driven Strategies to Reimagine Community College Access and Success for Poverty-Impacted Students

2:15 P.M.

- The 2025 Bellwether Award Honorees: Achieving Exceptional Results in Enrollment and Success Outcomes, Pre-College Student Preparation, and Workforce Revitalization

3:30 P.M.

- Creating a College Going Culture in Rural Arizona: Leveraging Early College to Achieve our BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal)



Saturday, October 25th

8:15 A.M.

- Leading Together: How Laredo College Grew Enrollment Through Mission-Driven Strategy and Board Collaboration



CREATING STUDENT CENTERED PATHWAYS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 A.M.

- Game Plan for Success: Student-Centered Pathways through an Athletic Program of Excellence
- Navigating Student Success from Pathways to Possibilities, Every Student, Every Path (Made for You)
- Stacking Success: Reimagining Pathways for Today's Learners
- Driving Student Success: Leveraging The 4 Disciplines of Execution to Boost Completion, Retention and Persistence
- From Insight to Impact: Using Student Financial Wellness Survey Data to Support Students

2:00 P.M.

- Sparking Students' Democratic Spirit: A Center for Civic Engagement
- Student Success in Apprenticeships: Building the Conditions for Retention and Completion
- Integrating an Ecosystem of Support through Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dallas College

3:15 P.M.

- Reimagining Student Support Services: A Trustee's Role in Driving Student Success
- Transforming Higher Ed: The Dual Impact of Affordable Access on Student Costs and Academic Success
- Leadership Strategies and Approaches for Student Success: Leveraging SNAP Employment & Training at Your College

9:15 A.M.

- Kids on Campus: Supporting Student Parents through State-Level Collaborations
- Centering Student Experiences with the Board of Trustees to Improve Outcomes and Governance
- Transforming Systems, Empowering Students: MCC's Journey to Student Success Through Technology, Process and Organizational Change

10:30 A.M.

- Fast-Tracking Student Success: Accelerating Healthcare Pathways for Workforce Impact
- Accelerating Transformative Student- and Community-Centered Change through Integrated Frameworks

Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M.

- Empowering Student Success: Collaborative Strategies for Early Intervention and Academic Support
- Partnering with Complete College America to Implement Whole College Reform in Support of Student Success at Scale
- Leveraging Achieving the Dream Coaching to Foster Innovation: How Hudson County Community College Built an Institutional Culture of Student Success and Continuous Improvement
- A Comprehensive Approach to Online Teaching and Learning
- Part Three: Performance Assessed Competency Education (PACE): A Fresh Look at Lewis and Clark Community College's PACE Journey to Support Student Access and Success Highlighting A General Education Competency-Based Bundle, New Faculty and Student Orientations and a Peek at Criminal Justice's PACE Pathway

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9:15 A.M.

- Why Students Enroll, Stop Out, or Opt Out: New Research Insights
- Stabilize, Standardize, Optimize: The CWI Journey of Student Lifecycle Engineering
- Holistic Student Parent Support at Long Beach City College
- The Star Standard: Applying Your College's Brand Guidelines to Student Recognition Events
- From Uncertainty to Clarity: How One College Used Assessment to Make a Student-Centered ERP Decision

10:30 A.M.

- A Student is a Student is a Student: Elevating Non-Credit as a Catalyst for Enrollment, Completion and Community Impact
- An Innovation of Inclusivity: Fostering a Culture of Belonging Throughout the Campus Community
- Providing for Students' Basic Needs: Housing, Food, and Health Care
- Identifying Opportunities for Your Students: Careers in the U.S. Congress

2:15 P.M.

- Creating an "Inescapable" Student Success Model for All First-year Students Using ATD's Community Vibrancy Framework
- Reimagining Community Colleges: Innovating Workforce and Skills Development for a Dynamic, Technological Economy and Workplace
- Building Seamless Healthcare Pathways: From HUC to MAS and LPN to Nursing

3:30 P.M.

- Second Chances, Golden Opportunities: A Blueprint for Student Comebacks
- Governance and Training: Preparing A Skilled Energy Workforce in a Volatile Energy Environment
- Empowering Student Success: How Board Members Drive Impactful Change Through Cuyahoga Community College's Food Pantry Initiative
- Serving "the Other" During a Time of Political and Social Uncertainty

Saturday, October 25th

8:15 A.M.

- Ushering Adult Learners on to and through Pathways to Mobility
- Breaking Barriers, Raising Expectations: Access To Achievement in NC Community Colleges
- Beyond Completion: Building Bridges to Economic Mobility

EFFECTIVE BOARD GOVERNANCE: HOW TO BE A TRUSTEE

Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 A.M.

- Building Strong Boards: Innovative Onboarding for a Changing World
- Capitalizing on the Past and Improving for the Future: Don't Mess with Board Success!
- Building a Strong Partnership through Board Assessment and Evaluation

9:15 A.M.

- You Can't Make this Stuff Up: Best Practices for Trustee Development
- Steady Hands in the Storm: How Trustees, CEOs, and Executive Assistants Navigate Crisis Communication Together
- Just Released: Insights from the ACCT-CSCC 2025 American Community College Trustee Survey
- Why Hold a Board Retreat?

10:30 A.M.

- Community Colleges in An Evolving Federal Landscape: An Update from Washington D.C.
- Conducting an Effective CEO Search
- Cybersecurity Under Fire: The Real-World Chaos of Responding to a Cyber Crisis

- Soaring to Governance Success: Onboarding New Trustees with Clarity and Confidence
- Governing for Impact: Advancing Advocacy Through Collaboration

2:00 P.M.

- Trustee Roles and Behaviors that Support Policy Governance and Active Board Involvement
- Strategic Agility in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) World: Tri-County Technical College's Framework for Responsive Planning
- Reimagine Board Governance for Greater Effectiveness and Better Organizational Performance

3:15 P.M.

- Inside the Legislative Playbook: A Trustee, a President, and State Legislators on Influencing Policy that Matters
- Federal Student Loan Program Participation, Student Access and Institutional Risk

Friday, October 24th

8:00 A.M.

- The New Orleans Trustee Cookbook, Seven Recipes of Success On How To Be The Trustee 5.0 On Your College Campus
- Strategic Starts: Innovating Trustee Onboarding Through Insight and Integration
- Beyond The Board Agenda: Accessing Community and Business Resources of Trustees
- Being a True Policy Driven Board: The Board's Role in Setting, Using, and Reviewing Policy
- The Mission Statement as an Actionable "Driver" of Practice for College Activities and the College-Board Relationship
- Your Strategic Plan + Our Innovations = Student Success

9:15 A.M.

- Community Colleges and the Changing Landscape of Higher Education
- Designing the Future: Integrated Innovation in Learning and Support
- Effective Monitoring Reports for Policy Governance

10:30 A.M.

- Building a Strong Board of Trustees
- Is There Life After a Vote of No Confidence?

2:15 P.M.

- Leading Clearly in Uncertain Times: Why Policy Governance is Essential for Community College Boards
- Beyond Oversight: Reimagining the Board-CEO Partnership
- Navigating the Federal Funding Landscape in Challenging Times

3:30 P.M.

- Empowering Trustees: A Holistic Approach to Board Success

Saturday, October 25th

8:15 A.M.

- Where Vision Meets Pragmatism
- Innovative Onboarding: Empowering Trustees to Lead Through Change

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DAY 1



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION

Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

VOTING DELEGATE DESK

Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

MEETING

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES (CCAE)

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Balcony K, 4th Floor

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

MEETING

ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

Mardi Gras Ballroom, Salon D/E, 3rd Floor

PRE-CONGRESS ACADEMIES

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9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Pre-Congress Academy: Preparing for a Strong Candidacy in the CEO Search Process: Showcasing Essential Skills and Experience

SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED ★

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

How candidates present themselves in both the written application and in an interview can make all the difference. Learn the specifics of how you can best present yourself to a search committee and governing board. Learn what boards, college, districts, and systems look for when assessing candidates from the ACCT Search Team. ACCT has over 30 years of experience in facilitating successful searches – learn from the search experts. Participate in this workshop to gain an in-depth look and better prepare for this critical journey. The complete spectrum steps throughout the CEO search will be analyzed in the order the steps take place in real life.

CHARLENE DUKES

▷ Moderator

ACCT Consultant

JACK DANIELS III

ACCT Consultant

MARIE FOSTER GNAGE

ACCT Consultant

STEVE HEAD

ACCT Consultant

MONTY SULLIVAN

System President, Louisiana
Community and Technical
College System, LA

CINDY LOPEZ

ACCT Director, Search Services
and Tribal College Initiatives, DC

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Effective Board Governance

SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED ★

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Community college governing boards are responsible for protecting the institution, ensuring the fulfillment of its mission, and plan for the college's future. To do this effectively, board members must understand their roles and responsibilities as a member of a public governing board and that of the respective college's administration. This interactive academy will use case studies and exercises to explore the board's fiduciary responsibilities, the Board-CEO relationship, and strategies for team building and board cohesion.

KEN BURKE

▷ Co-Facilitator

ACCT Consultant

MARY SPILDE

▷ Co-Facilitator

ACCT Consultant

KIMBERLY BEATTY

Chancellor/CEO, Metropolitan
Community College, MO

BRAD BENNETT

President, Seward Community
College, KS

DIANA BROWN

Board Member, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

DAVID BOROFKY

Executive Director, Arizona Assoc of
Community College Trustees, AZ

JASON BUTTS

Chair, St. Petersburg College, FL

KRISTI FISHER

President, Kirkwood Community
College, IA

KRISTINE GALICIA BROWN

Board Vice President, Southwestern
College, CA

SUE GALLEN

Board Chair, College of Micronesia-
FSM, FM

BARBARA HORL

Trustee, Brookdale Community
College, NJ

KURT PETERSON

Board Chair, Montcalm Community
College, MI

PIÉR QUINTANA

Trustee, Santa Fe Community
College, NM

MARK SANCHEZ SANCHEZ

Superintendent/President,
Southwestern College, CA

PAUL WATSON

President, Kellogg Community
College, MI

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The Chair's Academy: The Leadership Team of the Board

SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED ★**BY INVITATION ONLY** ✓**Galerie 3, 2nd Floor**

The board chair is critical for managing board effectiveness. This interactive academy will explore best practices of an effective board chair. Topics will include characteristics of a cohesive board, understanding the role of the Board Chair, and strategies for managing difficult situations.

PAMILA FISHER▷ **Facilitator**

ACCT Consultant

JONATHAN FUENTES

Trustee, Clovis Community College, NM

LORA HARLAN

Chair, Clovis Community College, NM

GERALYN PRESTI

Chair, Cuyahoga Community College, OH

MICHAEL A. BASTON

President, Cuyahoga Community College, OH

MARTHA GARCIA

President/CEO Mt. San Antonio College, CA

PETER HIDALGO

Trustee, Mt. San Antonio College, CA

CHARLES SASAKI

President/Superintendent, Ohlone College, CA

SUE CHAN

Trustee, Ohlone College, CA

PRE-CONGRESS SPECIAL EVENTS

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Includes Lunch)

The Big Pivot: A Continued Focus on Impact and Success

FREE FOR ALL CONGRESS ATTENDEES (MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE)

Rhythms Ballroom, 2nd Floor—Sheraton New Orleans

As community colleges across the country face heightened scrutiny and shifting legal frameworks related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), institutional leaders must pivot quickly, strategically, and confidently. Following recent executive orders and guidance issued by the Trump administration, trustees and presidents are grappling with how to stay compliant with federal and state mandates while continuing to serve the students who depend on them most. This pre-conference session is designed to meet this moment.

The session will provide ACCT members with practical tools, strategies, and framing language to navigate legal compliance while staying committed to student success.

The program is designed to:

- Equip community college leaders with strategies and language to aid compliance while remaining student-centered.
- Offer space for candid peer dialogue about emerging legal and institutional challenges.
- Empower presidents and trustees to lead courageously and visibly in this new landscape.
- Seed a national network of institutions committed to inclusive excellence and lawful innovation.

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Includes Lunch)

Strategies to Address Child Care Needs and Retain Student Parents

FREE FOR ALL CONGRESS ATTENDEES (MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE)

Waterbury Ballroom, 2nd Floor—Sheraton New Orleans

1 in 5 community college students are parents, and more than half of them have at least one child under 6. With access to child care, student parents are more likely to be retained and graduate, but finding and affording child care can be immensely challenging. Building solutions to support student parents' child care needs is a key strategy to supporting this population on the path to degree completion. Join New America and ACCT's Kids On Campus initiative to learn more about how community colleges can support child care needs for student parents. We'll share research findings from New America's Child Care on Community College campuses project, policy ideas, and practical strategies community college leadership can leverage to understand and support student parents' child care needs.

1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Building Momentum for Innovative Dual Enrollment Pathways Policies

FREE FOR ALL CONGRESS ATTENDEES (MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE)

Borgne Room, 3rd Floor, Sheraton New Orleans

This session will highlight how two leading states—California and Texas—are advancing innovative state policies to broaden access to dual enrollment pathways, particularly for students who have been underrepresented in college-level coursework. Texas recently adopted House Bill 8, legislation that includes a dynamic community college funding formula that rewards institutions for outcomes tied to student completion of a postsecondary credential of value in the labor market. A core component of the formula incentivizes helping high school students complete 15 or more college credits. HB 8 also made dual enrollment courses free for lower-income students. California has heavily invested in dual enrollment pathways over the past decade. It set ambitious statewide goals for students to earn 12 college credits upon graduation from high school, introducing students to college-level coursework as early as 9th grade, and creating new pathways for early college and career exposure. Community college leaders from both states will share insights into the policy development, including how momentum was built for these policy changes, their early impacts, and what college trustees and presidents can learn from their approaches.

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The Trustee's Role in Advocacy

SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED ★

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

This session is designed to empower community college leaders with the information and insights to prepare and enable them to be successful advocates on behalf of their institutions and students. Panelists will examine strategies for state and federal advocacy, best practices for meeting with elected officials and their staff, as well as how to utilize data and stories to craft your message to government officials.

ALEX NOCK

Principal, Penn Hill Group, DC

JULIETTE RHINOW

Associate, Penn Hill Group, DC

CARRIE WARICK-SMITH

Vice President, Public Policy,
ACCT, DC

DAVID BAIME

Senior Vice President,
Government Relations,
AACC, DC

GENESIS SANTIAGO

Senior Government Relations
Associate, ACCT, DC

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

New Trustees and First-Time Attendees Welcome Session

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

A must-attend session for new trustees and/or first-time ACCT Congress attendees. This session is designed to accelerate and enhance your experience, and it is an opportunity for meeting other new trustees. We will provide an overview on how to navigate through all the meetings, sessions, and exciting opportunities offered during the 2025 Congress. Information will also be provided on how to get involved and participate in the ACCT membership and business meetings.

VERNON JUNG, JR.

Trustee, Moraine Park Technical
College, WI

RANDALL "MACK" JACKSON

Trustee, Midlands Technical
College, SC

ROBERT PROCTOR

Trustee, Lansing Community
College, MI

LYDIA SANTIBANEZ

Trustee, Temple College, TX

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**MEETING****ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable****BY INVITATION ONLY** ✓**Studio 9, 2nd Floor****3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.****SPECIAL SESSION****Legal Issues Facing Community Colleges****Mardi Gras Salon E, 3rd Floor**

Join Ira Shepard, ACCT's General Counsel and Washington Attorney with Saul Ewing, and Carolyn Pellegrini of the Philadelphia Office of Saul Ewing, for a comprehensive discussion of legal issues facing community colleges.

IRA SHEPARD

ACCT General Counsel; Partner,
Saul Ewing LLP, DC

CAROLYN PELLEGRINI

Partner, Saul Ewing LLP, PA

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.**ACCT Partnership Exchange****Studio Foyer, 2nd Floor and Acadia Foyer, 3rd Floor**

Engage with ACCT partners and sponsors to discover valuable resources and build relationships that support community college success.

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**MEETING****ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network****Studio 7, 2nd Floor****6:45 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.****RECEPTION****California Delegation****BY INVITATION ONLY** ✓**St. Charles Room, 41st Floor**

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 P.M.

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

RICH FUKUTAKI

Chair: ACCT Board of Directors

Trustee: Bellevue College, WA

NATIONAL ANTHEM

JENNIFER FERNANDEZ

Dean of Nursing, Delgado Community College, LA

WELCOME TO LOUISIANA

THE HONORABLE JEFF LANDRY

Governor of Louisiana

MONTY SULLIVAN

President, Louisiana Community
and Technical College System, LA

TIM HARDY

Member, ACCT Board of Directors;
Board Chair, Louisiana Community
and Technical College System, LA

WELCOME FROM ACCT

JEE HANG LEE

President & CEO: ACCT, DC



Navigating Change: Preparing Community College Leaders for What's Next

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

AHMAD THOMAS

CEO

Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG)

(See ACCT App for Bios)



NOTES:

DAY 2



THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION

Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

VOTING DELEGATE DESK

Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

NEW YORK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Studio 10, 2nd Floor

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

OHIO DELEGATION

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Studio 1, 2nd Floor

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE TRUSTEES

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Borgne Room, 3rd Floor—Sheraton New Orleans

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (AACCT)

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Maurepas Room, 3rd Floor—Sheraton New Orleans

7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF NETWORK (PBSN)

Studio 4, 2nd Floor



CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

The Next Chapter of the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP): A Working Collaboration Aligning Education, Workforce development, and Industry to Support Wyoming's Economic Development Needs

Balcony J, 4th Floor

Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) aligns education, workforce development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and research to boost Wyoming's economy through data-driven partnerships. As initial state funding ends, WIP will transition to an external organization to maintain effective practices and scale statewide programs enhancing higher education's responsiveness to workforce needs and fostering industry engagement.

LAUREN SHOENFELD

Executive Director, Wyoming
Innovation Partnership, Wyoming
Governor's Office, WY

ERIN TAYLOR

Executive Director, WACCT, WY

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

EnRiching Opportunities: CEJA, Equity in Action Connecting with Underserved Communities

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Discover how Richland's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Hub removes systemic barriers and provides access to clean energy careers for underserved populations including Justice Impacted (previously incarcerated) individuals, African-Americans, low-income and Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) designated area residents with an 88% success rate.

VICKI CARR

Trustee, Richland Community
College, IL

COURTNEY CARSON

Vice President, External Affairs &
EnRich, Richland Community
College, IL

WAYNE DUNNING

Trustee, Richland Community
College, IL

CRISTOBAL VALDEZ

President, Richland Community
College, IL

TAMIKA THOMAS

Director, CEJA, Richland
Community College, IL

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Strategic Planning for Student Success in a Rural Community

Balcony L, 4th Floor

In this session, we will explore how WPCC with assistance from the North Carolina Community College System developed a strategic plan tailored to the unique needs and challenges of rural communities. WPCC utilized a wildly important goal to unify the strategic plan and developed practical tools to drive positive change.

ZACH BARRICKLOW

Associate VP for Strategy and
Rural Innovation, North Carolina
Community College System, NC

ROD HARRELSON

Board Chair, Western Piedmont
Community College, NC

JOEL D. WELCH

President, Western Piedmont
Community College, NC

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Stacking Success: Reimagining Pathways for Today's Learners

Mardi Gras Salon D, 3rd Floor

A new era of stackable credentials is unlocking opportunity for today's learners. This session will explore how short-term programs and flexible pathways are meeting workforce demands, boosting economic mobility, and transforming student success. Learn strategies to design and scale credentials that support both immediate employment and long-term academic progression.

SARAH COLLINS

President, Ad Astra, MO

ANNE KRESS

President, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

LISA LARSON

Interim CEO, Education
Design Lab, MN

NOAH SUDOW

Senior Vice President,
Whiteboard Advisors, MD

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Capitalizing on the Past and Improving for the Future: Don't Mess with Board Success!

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

Learn from a 2025 AACC Awards of Excellence Exemplary CEO/Board Relationship finalist, Carroll Community College, how to orient, assimilate, assess, and develop board members to maintain a high level of consistency in college and board leadership. Discover what makes this board and its relationship with the CEO so effective.

SHERRI-LE BREAM

Trustee, Carroll Community
College, MD

ROSALIE MINCE

President, Carroll Community
College, MD

DAVID O'CALLAGHAN

Board Chair, Carroll Community
College, MD

BEN SCHEPER

Trustee, Carroll Community
College, MD

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Building a Strong Partnership through Board Assessment and Evaluation

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

Board self-assessment and CEO evaluation are considered standards of good practice. Periodic assessment and CEO evaluation provide an opportunity for the board to reflect on its own performance and contributions and to evaluate how well the president/CEO is carrying out the board's priorities. It also an opportunity to establish goals and priorities, and can strengthen the Board-CEO relationship. Panelists will share strategies, suggestions, and lessons for how they engage their boards in these important processes.

CINDY MILES

► **Facilitator**
ACCT Consultant

REBECCA K. "BECKY" ROWLEY

President, Santa Fe Community
College, NM

CAROL SCOTT

Chair, Del Mar College, TX

GREG TAYLOR

Chair, Pima Community
College, AZ

STAR RIVERA-LACEY

Superintendent/President,
Palomar College, CA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Scholars Haven: High School Seniors with Housing Insecurities get Stable On-Campus Housing to Allow Them to Focus on Completing High School and Transition to College

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Centralia College, the United Way of Lewis County, and the Centralia School District launched Scholars Haven in 2023 to provide stable housing to homeless high school seniors. Students dually enroll at Centralia College and Centralia High School, allowing them to live in on-campus housing and focus on graduation.

ROBERT COX

Vice President of Student Services,
Centralia College, WA

BOB MOHRBACHER

President, Centralia College, WA

ANNALEE TOBEY

Board Chair, Centralia
College, WA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Operation Ronin: An Innovative Solution Made Partially with AI

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

When resources are limited, innovation becomes essential. With the rise of AI, low-code development platforms have become powerful tools for creating in-house solutions. This session explores how citizen developers can harness AI to build impactful applications quickly and efficiently. We'll share how one idea grew into a system-wide solution using tools like ChatGPT and Microsoft Copilot. You'll see a live demo of the finished app, hear how it was developed, and gain insights into costs, challenges, and lessons learned. We'll also preview our next step: Ronin 2.0, as we continue our AI-driven transformation.

PABLO E. ALCANTARA

Director, Business Operations, Lone
Star College, TX

JOAN A. GARZA

Chief Business Officer,
Lone Star College, TX

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Board Chair, Lone Star College, TX

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Guiding Innovation: How Presidents and Trustees Are Navigating AI with Purpose

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Community college presidents and trustees discuss how they're leveraging AI to advance mission-driven goals around equity and student success. Hear how they're navigating ethical risks, aligning governance with innovation, and selecting responsible partners to implement AI across campus in ways that deliver measurable impact for students and institutions alike.

J. MARK HUTCHINS

Vice President, Motlow College
Foundation, TN

JOE SALLUSTIO

VP, Industry Engagement,
Ellucian, VA

MICHAEL TORRENCE

President, Motlow State Community
College, TN

JERMAINE WILLIAMS

President, Montgomery
College, MD

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**Transforming Lives Through Workforce and Community Partnerships****Galerie 1, 2nd Floor**

Discover how North Central State College, named a Leader College of Distinction for the third time by Achieving the Dream, is driving economic growth in North Central Ohio through innovative workforce strategies, industry and high school partnerships, student-focused education, and short-term credentials to meet advanced manufacturing and tech demands.

DOREY DIAB

President, North Central
State College, OH

MARK MASTERS

Trustee, North Central
State College, OH

DWIGHT MCELFRESH

Trustee, North Central
State College, OH

KIMBERLY WINKLE

Trustee, North Central
State College, OH

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**Building Strong Boards: Innovative Onboarding for a Changing World****Galerie 2, 2nd Floor**

Learn how Iowa Valley and Kirkwood Community Colleges reimaged trustee onboarding to empower new leaders for today's dynamic environment. Presidents and new trustees share insights, successes, and lessons learned to inspire a fresh approach to board development.

DOUG BANNON

Trustee, Iowa Valley Community
College District, IA

AMBER DANIELSON

Trustee, Iowa Valley Community
College District, IA

KRISTIE FISHER

President, Kirkwood Community
College, IA

ANNE M. HOWSARE BOYENS

President, Iowa Valley Community
College District, IA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**Idaho LAUNCH: A Statewide Model for Workforce Readiness, Student Success, and Trustee Engagement****Galerie 3, 2nd Floor**

Discover how Idaho LAUNCH is transforming education by funding in-demand career training and aligning colleges with workforce needs. This session explores the program's origin, student-centered operations, and the vital role trustees play in its success offering a replicable model for states and colleges nationwide.

L. DEAN FISHER

President, College of Southern
Idaho, ID

JONATHAN P. LORD

Vice President of Student Affairs
and Enrollment Services, College
of Southern Idaho, ID

ANNA SCHOLES

Board Chair, College of
Southern Idaho, ID

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**Game Plan for Success: Student-Centered Pathways through an Athletic Program of Excellence****Galerie 5, 2nd Floor**

Mt. An Antonio College (Mt. SAC) leverages its nationally recognized athletics program to create student-centered success pathways. Learn how the WIN and GRASP programs provide academic support, counseling, and engagement for over 800 athletes annually through cross-campus collaboration, resulting in high retention and GPAs, and increased transfer rates for athletes.

MARTHA GARCIA

President/CEO, Mt. San Antonio
College, CA

PETER HIDALGO

Trustee, Mt. San Antonio
College, CA

JOE JENNUM

Dean of Kinesiology and Athletic
Kinesiology, Mt. San Antonio
College, CA

ERICA LEDEZMA

Coordinator, Project/Program,
Mt. San Antonio College, CA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Navigating Student Success from Pathways to Possibilities, Every Student, Every Path (Made for You)

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

Alamo Colleges District Transfer Advising Guides (TAGs) provide clear, efficient pathways for students transferring from community college to university. TAGs help students explore options, plan coursework, and complete degrees faster by minimizing excess credits and confusion, supporting timely graduation, cost savings, and academic success through structured, goal-oriented guidance.

ANNA U. BUSTAMANTE

Trustee, Alamo Colleges District, TX

ANGELA GUADIAN-MENDEZ

Director of Student Completion, Alamo Colleges District, TX

GEORGE RAILEY

Vice Chancellor for Academic Success, Alamo Colleges District, TX

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Student Trustee Special Session/Advisory Committee Meeting

Bonaparte, 4th Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

From Vision to Reality: A Collaborative Workforce Hub for the Future

Balcony I, 4th Floor

In response to regional demand for skilled workers in biotechnology, healthcare, and public safety, the College brought together leadership, industry, and economic development partners to build a cutting-edge facility. Featuring state-of-the-art labs, a virtual reality training arena, and a collaborative innovation space, the site reimagines workforce training for tomorrow's economy.

JIM CRUMM

Trustee, Alvin Community College, TX

STACY EBERT

Vice President, Instruction and Strategic Initiatives, Alvin Community College, TX

ROBERT J. EXLEY

President, Alvin Community College, TX

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Preparing a Globally-Competent Workforce: ACCT Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Balcony J, 4th Floor

This interactive session will feature insights and lessons learned from trustees and other leaders at colleges that have participated in ACCT's global education programs, including the India-US Workforce Partnership Lab and the US-UK Community College and Technical Education Exchange. Join us for a discussion of the skills and competencies students need to succeed in an interconnected world, trustees' role in facilitating student global success, and opportunities for your college to get involved in upcoming ACCT global initiatives.

ROBIN MATROSS HELMS

Vice President, Membership and Educational Services, ACCT, DC

LISA AVERY

President, Linn-Benton Community College, OR

REZA JAFARI

Board Chair, Chesapeake College, MD

ANANTHA BABBILI

Board Member, Del Mar College, TX

DEB CASEY

President, Wor-Wic Community College, MD

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

At Home, in a Mobile Lab, or in a Hospital: Health Programs Delivered Through Employer Partnerships in Rural Communities

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Challenge conventional delivery modalities for Health Sciences Programs. Learn about Northwood Tech's new Mobile Dental Assistant training lab, Surgical Technology Apprenticeship Program, donated Medical Lab Technician Education Center, and more, all possible through community and employer collaborations. Additionally, learn about navigating health program accreditation with non-traditional models of program delivery.

ALIESHA CROWE

Vice President, Academic Affairs, Northwood Technical College, WI

AMBER RICHARDSON

Trustee, Northwood Technical College, WI

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Centering Student Experiences with the Board of Trustees to Improve Outcomes and Governance

Balcony L, 4th Floor

Clark State's inclusion of student stories at Board meetings has engendered a student-centered culture on the Board. The stories themselves have been utilized to improve student services, academic programs, and the impact of policy changes on students. Learn how these stories have helped the college focus on what matters most.

JO ALICE BLONDIN

President, Clark State College, OH

KYLE HALL

Trustee, Clark State College, OH

DAWAYNE KIRKMAN

Senior Vice President, Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, and Regional Locations, Clark State College, OH

BECKA ROWLAND-BUCKLEY

Trustee, Clark State College, OH

SHARON EVANS

Board Chair, Clark State College, OH

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Kids on Campus: Supporting Student Parents through State-Level Collaborations

Mardi Gras Salon D, 3rd Floor

An increasing number of states are supporting student parents through efforts to expand access to affordable child care, which can be a barrier to student success. This session presents statewide collaborations with Kids on Campus to co-locate more Head Start classrooms on community college campuses and support strategic priorities.

STEVE JURCH

Associate Vice President, Center for Policy and Practice, ACCT, DC

MIYA T. SIMPSON

Director, Kids on Campus, ACCT, DC

RACHEL BRASELL

State Coordinator, Kids on Campus-Texas Initiative

MAUREEN MAILLARD

Manager of Child Care Grants and Services, State University of New York

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

Real World Applications of AI at Community Colleges

Mardi Gras Salon E, 3rd Floor

During this panel discussion, leaders from four California community colleges will discuss how they use LightLeapAI to solve real-world issues and improve efficiency at their institutions.

JOEL BENNET

Director of Instructional Technologies, West Valley-Mission Community College District, CA

CLINT COWDEN

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Palo Verde Community College, CA

JORY HADSELL

CTO, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA

CHRISTOPHER SWEETEN

Vice President of Student Services, Santiago Canyon College, CA

KIRAN KODITHALA

CEO, N2N Services Inc, LightLeapAI, GA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Why Hold a Board Retreat?

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

Differing personalities and competing agendas can impact a board's ability to function properly. New and experienced board members can benefit from reviewing their roles and responsibilities and taking the time to reflect on what works, what needs to change, and work towards developing cohesive goals that ultimately serve students. This session will provide participants with examples of how board development can improve the effectiveness of the governing board.

PHIL LINFANTE

Facilitator
ACCT Consultant

PAULA HUNKER

Trustee, Central Wyoming
College, WY

JAMES LEMEROND

President, Bellingham Technical
College, WA

VIVIAN MOORE LAWYER

Chair, Howard Community
College, MD

JERMAINE FORD

President, Florence-Darlington
Technical College, SC

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

From Challenge to Opportunity: How Nevada's Community Colleges Are Reimagining Workforce Development Through Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Alignment with Key Industry Sectors

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

The Nevada System of Higher Education presents a statewide workforce strategy aligned with economic priorities. The session explores funding challenges and highlights the urgent need for innovative partnerships. The College of Southern Nevada will showcase how strategic collaborations are expanding access to high-demand training programs to meet evolving workforce needs.

HEATHER BROWN

Regent, Nevada System of Higher
Education, NV

CLARISSA M. COTA

Vice President, External Relations
and Campus Operations, College
of Southern Nevada, NV

CAROL DEL CARLO

Chair-Elect, ACCT Board of
Directors; Regent, Nevada System
of Higher Education, NV

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Steady Hands in the Storm: How Trustees, CEOs, and Executive Assistants Navigate Crisis Communication Together

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Learn how trustees, presidents, and executive assistants can strengthen crisis communication through trust, coordination, and role clarity. This panel explores real-world lessons from campus crises and offers practical strategies to ensure calm, consistent, and effective leadership communication, even when a separate PR team or PIO is involved.

REATHA BELL

Executive Assistant, Board Services
Office, Houston Community
College, TX

SHELBY FOSTER

Assistant to the President/Board
of Trustees, Ohlone College, CA

CAITLIN MURPHY

Special Assistant to the President,
Johnson County Community
College, KS

ANDREA WITTIG

Director, Office of the President,
Government Relations, Trustee
Services, & Strategic Initiatives,
Cerritos College, CA

JOSE FIERRO

President/Superintendent,
Cerritos College, CA

SUZANNE LEE CHAN

Trustee, Ohlone College, CA

CHARLES S. SASAKI

President/Superintendent, Ohlone
College, CA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Victor Valley College's Outreach & Enrollment Makeover: How They Did It (And What You Can Learn)

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

What happens when a college rethinks everything about how it connects with students? At Victor Valley, a bold redesign has led to extraordinary results, growing from 9,600 FTES pre-pandemic to over 13,500 FTES. This more than 40% growth reflects a student-centered strategy grounded in a culture of care and connection.

JOSEPH BRADY

Trustee, Victor Valley Community College District, CA

TODD SCOTT

Exec. VP, Instruction, Innovation and Student Success, Victor Valley College, CA

DANIEL WALDEN

Superintendent/President, Victor Valley College, CA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Empowering Trustees to Lead in the AI Era: Mississippi's Statewide Approach to Innovation in Community Colleges

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

As artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes the workforce and education landscape, community college leaders must be equipped to guide strategic innovation. This session highlights how Mississippi's community colleges, through the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN), are leveraging AI to drive statewide collaboration, curriculum transformation, and workforce alignment.

SAM ALBRITTON, JR.

Trustee, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS

MARY S. GRAHAM

President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS

KOLLIN NAPIER

Director, Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN), Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Transforming Communities Through Innovative Solutions: Strategies for Increasing Workforce Participation and Engagement of Non-Traditional Students

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

Discover how innovative, community-driven strategies are transforming workforce participation by engaging non-traditional students. This session highlights accelerated learning models, rapid skill development, and strategic partnerships that deliver real impact for students, employers, and communities-plus insights into how these efforts enhance college recruiting opportunities.

VALERIE GRAY

Board Chair, Alabama Community College System, AL

KEITH PHILLIPS

Vice Chancellor for Workforce & Economic Development, Alabama Community College System, AL

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

From Vision to Action: How Wake Tech Is Using AI and Blackboard to Redefine Teaching and Learning

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Explore how Wake Tech and Anthology's Blackboard Ultra are leveraging AI to transform teaching, improve course design, and enhance student engagement. Learn how strategic innovation and responsible AI integration can support institutional goals, empower faculty, and drive equitable student success.

LISA A. CLARK

Associate Vice
President, Academic
Transformation, Anthology

JENNIFER UNITIS

Director of Academic Technology
and Support Services, Wake
Technical Community College, NC

SAUNDRA WILLIAMS

Trustee, Wake Technical
Community College, NC

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

You Can't Make this Stuff Up: Best Practices for Trustee Development

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

The Washington State Association of College Trustees revamped trustee training during the pandemic, focusing on real-world governance challenges. This session uses innovative strategies and scenarios to help trustees "flip the script," strengthen board culture, navigate ethical dilemmas, and refocus on core responsibilities to avoid common pitfalls and governance failures.

PAULA ARNO MARTINEZ

Trustee, Wenatchee Valley
College, WA

WILMA CARTAGENA

Trustee, Wenatchee Valley
College, WA

DOUG MAH

Member, ACCT Board of Directors;
Trustee, South Puget Sound
Community College, WA

KIM TANAKA

Director, WA State Association
of College Trustees, WA

WENDY BOHLKE

Trustee, Whatcom Community
College, WA

GREG DIETZEL

Trustee, Bellevue College, WA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Transforming Systems, Empowering Students: MCC's Journey to Student Success Through Technology, Process and Organizational Change

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

Metropolitan Community College embarked on a significant digital transformation driven by the need for improved technology and the user experience with a specific goal of improving student success outcomes. The decision involved a thorough evaluation process with stakeholder input and partnering with Ellucian and CampusWorks.

KIMBERLY BEATTY

Chancellor, Metropolitan
Community College, MO

LIZ MURPHY

CEO, CampusWorks, FL

JERMAINE REED

Member, ACCT Board of Directors;
Trustee, Metropolitan Community
College, MO

KELLY ROGAN

COO, Ellucian, VA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

All-In: One Cost for Tuition, Fees, and Textbooks

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

Striving to be transparent in the true cost of attending higher education, Kishwaukee College has implemented an All-In tuition model. Students pay one price to attend Kish, including tuition, fees, and textbooks. This model helps students and parents prepare for College costs, encourages enrollment, and supports student success.

LAURIE BOROWICZ

President, Kishwaukee College, IL

ROBERT HAMMON

Trustee, Kishwaukee College, IL

GERI-DEE HAYDEN

Trustee, Kishwaukee College, IL

9:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

MEETING

Community College Lawyers Roundtable

Mardis Grad A-C, 3rd Floor

An interactive roundtable discussion of legal challenges facing community colleges. The session will include overviews of higher education legal issues associated with recent developments regarding student athletes and artificial intelligence. Two hours of continuing legal education (CLE) credit are available for licensed attorneys.

IRA SHEPARD

ACCT General Counsel; Partner,
Saul Ewing LLP, DC

CAROLYN PELLEGRINI

Partner, Saul Ewing LLP, PA

JEFF WHITE

Chief Legal Officer & Senior Vice
President – Internal Affairs,
NJCAA, NC

COBBY CAPUTO

Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado
Acosta LLP, TX

ANDREW LAINE

Association Counsel, ACCT, DC

AUGUSTIN “AUGIE” RIVERA, JR.

General Counsel, Del Mar
College, TX

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

Visit with an ACCT Consultant to learn about ways to support effective board governance, best practices, and navigating today’s challenges in community college governance.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Accelerating Transformative Student- and Community-Centered Change through Integrated Frameworks

Balcony I, 4th Floor

As colleges increasingly seek to impact student access and success as well as broader community vibrancy, planning and executing several improvement efforts is challenging. Learn how College of Lake County leverages student, faculty, and employee success frameworks as part of its architecture of success to accelerate student- and community-centered change.

NICK BRANSON

Assistant Vice President, Strategic Advancement, College of Lake County, IL

AMANDA HOWLAND

Member, ACCT Board of Directors; Board Chair, College of Lake County, IL

KAREN STOUT

President/CEO, Achieving the Dream, MD

LORI SUDDICK

President, College of Lake County, IL

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

NJCAA Athletics—Appreciating the ROI

Balcony J, 4th Floor

Understanding the benefits of two-year college athletic programs around student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates. While also understanding the marketability of the college.

MICHAEL CALVERT

President, Pratt Community College, KS

DAN KINNEY JR.

President, Iowa Western Community College, IA

MARGARET MCMENAMIN

President, UCNJ, NJ

CHRISTOPHER J. PARKER

President, NJCCA, NC

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Nursing Dual Enrollment at Golden West College (GWC): How GWC and Its Local High School Partners Are Expanding Access for High School Students to Pursue Nursing Careers

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Golden West College's Nursing Dual Enrollment program partners with local high schools to provide early access to nursing courses. Attendees will learn how this initiative lowers the cost of education, accelerates career pathways, and prepares students for in-demand healthcare jobs to meet the regional workforce needs in Orange County, California.

ELIZABETH DORN PARKER

Board President, Coast Community College District, CA

MERIDITH RANDALL

President, Golden West College, CA

LAUREN DAVIS SOSENKO

Dean of Dual Enrollment and Institutional Effectiveness, Golden West College, CA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Driving Student Success: Leveraging The 4 Disciplines of Execution to Boost Completion, Retention and Persistence

Balcony L, 4th Floor

This presentation explores how colleges can use The 4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX) to improve student completion, retention, and persistence. It focuses on aligning efforts around key academic goals, while fostering leadership growth, engagement, measurable results, and a culture of accountability to drive lasting success.

MICHAEL BARNETT

Trustee, Palm Beach State College, FL

LARRY MILLER

President, Greenville Technical College, SC

GREG MOSIER

President, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

AVA L. PARKER

President, Palm Beach State College, FL

SUSAN HAYS

Senior Consultant, Franklin Covey

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Community Colleges in An Evolving Federal Landscape: An Update from Washington D.C.

Mardi Gras Salon D, 3rd Floor

2025 has brought a lot of change to the federal government – a unified government composed of the new Trump administration and a 119th Congress with Republican majorities in both chambers. Join ACCT's and AACC's government relations teams for a recap of what has been a very active year on all federal fronts: regulatory changes and presidential actions that have reshaped the federal workforce and federal priorities, judicial activity stemming from litigation involving the new administration, and a Congress that has worked to advance the President's priorities and campaign promises through reconciliation and appropriations.

CARRIE WARICK-SMITH

Vice President, Public Policy, ACCT, DC

JOSÉ MIRANDA

Director of Government Relations, ACCT, DC

DAVID BAIME

Senior Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC

JIM HERMES

Associate Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Cybersecurity Under Fire: The Real-World Chaos of Responding to a Cyber Crisis

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

Standardized emergency management plans often paint a picture of how to respond to a cyberattack. However, reality is far more chaotic and complex. Trustees and administrators will gain firsthand insights into the breakdowns, missteps, and surprises that arise when plans meet reality—and what they can do to better prepare.

DIANA JOHNSON

Senior Vice President of Learning, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR

DENNIS C. RITTLE

President, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR

TODD SCHWARTZ

Board Chair, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR

TERESA A. TAYLOR

Executive Director Institutional Policy, Risk Management, Compliance Title IX Coordinator, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR

JUSTIN D. WHITE

Vice President of Student Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Conducting an Effective CEO Search

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

Nearly one in four community colleges is undergoing a transition in executive leadership, making it critical for boards to understand today's rapidly changing leadership landscape. Is your board preparing to initiate a presidential search? This session will explore how both the board and the college can effectively prepare for a CEO transition. Learn best practices for designing an open, equitable, and nationwide search process, how to recruit diverse and strong candidate pools, and common pitfalls boards should avoid.

CECILIA CERVANTES

ACCT Consultant

CHARLENE DUKES

ACCT Consultant

JULIE GOLDER

Vice President of Search
Services, ACCT, DC

JACKIE RAMOS

Trustee and Board Officer, Laredo
Community College, TX

BRADLEY EBERSOLE

ACCT Consultant

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Board of Trustees Venture Capital Funding for Artificial Intelligence Innovation

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

In September 2024, Finger Lakes Community College Board of Trustees Invested \$100,000, establishing an artificial intelligence think tank to drive innovation at the College. In less than one year the College created the FLX Artificial Intelligence Hub, supporting and training K-12 and post-secondary educators, local government, commerce chamber and businesses.

GEORGE CUSHMAN

Trustee, Finger Lakes Community
College, NY

STEPHEN MARTIN

Trustee, Finger Lakes Community
College, NY

DONNA MIHALIK

Trustee, Finger Lakes Community
College, NY

ROBERT NYE

President, Finger Lakes
Community College, NY

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Soaring to Governance Success: Onboarding New Trustees with Clarity and Confidence

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

This session will help you build an onboarding and orientation program for new trustees that will set them up for success in their new roles by quickly and comprehensively acclimating them to the college, their governance role and responsibilities, strategic priorities and the current opportunities and challenges facing the institution.

JEFF JULIAN

Chief of Staff/VP of External
Affairs, William Rainey Harper
College, IL

WILLIAM KELLEY

Board Chair, William Rainey
Harper College, IL

AVIS PROCTOR

President, William Rainey
Harper College, IL

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Fast-Tracking Student Success: Accelerating Healthcare Pathways for Workforce Impact

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

This session will showcase innovative strategies for accelerating student completion and certification in healthcare pathways across California Community Colleges. By aligning programs with industry needs, offering flexible and hands-on training, and streamlining pathways, colleges can prepare students for high-demand healthcare careers, meeting workforce needs while increasing student success and employment outcomes.

LISA AGUILERA LAWRENSON

President/Superintendent,
Delta College, CA

LENA TRAN

Interim Chancellor, Yosemite
Community College District, CA

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Fueling the Future: How College of Eastern Idaho and Idaho National Lab Are Building a Regional STEM Workforce

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

In Eastern Idaho, CEI and INL are creating a unique institute, building a powerful STEM ecosystem from high school to high-tech careers like engineering, nuclear science, cybersecurity, and energy. CEI and INL have joined forces to create an extraordinary, hands-on STEM experience for high schoolers, blending real-world training with cutting-edge technology at Future Tech and the Battelle STEM Innovation Hub. This bold partnership reimagines workforce readiness as it shapes Eastern Idaho's next generation of curious, capable STEM leaders.

LORI D. BARBER

President, College of Eastern
Idaho, ID

ETHAN HUFFMAN

Trustee, College of Eastern
Idaho, ID

HOPE MORROW

Manager of Workforce & Economic
Programs, Idaho National
Laboratory/Battelle Energy
Alliance, ID

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

From Insight to Impact: Using Student Financial Wellness Survey Data to Support Students

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

Discover powerful insights from the 2024 Student Financial Wellness Survey by Trellis Strategies, featuring responses from 26,954 students across 55 two-year colleges. Then, hear from a moderated panel of community college leaders as they share real-world strategies, lessons learned, and bold ideas for transforming student support through data-driven action.

ALLYSON CORNETT

Director of Research, Trellis
Strategies, TX

STEVE JURCH

Associate Vice President, Center
for Policy and Practice, ACCT, DC

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

TBD

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Governing for Impact: Advancing Advocacy Through Collaboration

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

Discover how Michigan's community college trustees and presidents collaboratively shape a unified legislative agenda. Through inclusive processes and transparent decision-making, MCCA strengthens its advocacy with shared leadership and diverse input. This session offers a model of effective governance that drives policy impact while honoring institutional differences and collective voice.

KATHLEEN BRUINSMA

Trustee, Grand Rapids Community College, MI

BRANDY JOHNSON

President, Michigan Community College Association, MI

KATIE WITKOWSKI

Director of Government and External Affairs, Michigan Community College Association, MI

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Fueling Louisiana's Economy: A Strategic Workforce Alliance Between LCTCS, Economic Development, and Workforce Commission

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

Louisiana's economic wins with Meta, Hyundai, and others reflect a bold partnership between LED, LWC, and LCTCS. This session explores how these agencies align to attract investment, build talent pipelines, and deliver scalable workforce solutions through a unified, strategic approach.

TIM HARDY

Member, ACCT Board of Directors; Board Chair, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

CHANDLER LEBOEUF

Vice President of Education, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

MONTY SULLIVAN

President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

QUINTIN TAYLOR

Chancellor, River Parishes Community College, LA

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Unmasking Fraud: A Collaborative Approach to Detection and Prevention in Higher Education

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

Explore the journey of identifying and addressing fraud in higher education from two perspectives, enrollment and IT. Learn how we gained momentum, secured leadership buy-in, and implemented strategic measures to protect our institution from fraud. Insights and practical steps for a successful collaborative approach.

MARK CHRISTOPHERSON

Programmer/Analyst, Iowa Western Community College, IA

JORDAN NORRIS

Dean of Advising and Enrollment Services, Iowa Western Community College, IA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

When AI Masters It All: Education 2.0

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) is approaching fast, challenging how we learn, work, and create. This session explores AGI's potential to reshape education, disrupt knowledge work, and redefine the role of colleges and universities, urging higher ed leaders to act now to prepare for an increasingly intelligent, machine-driven world.

ARDIS KADIU

Founder and CEO,
Element451, NC

10:30 A.M. – 11: 45 A.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

Your Strategic Plan + Our Innovations = Student Success

Mardi Gras Salon E, 3rd Floor

You work hard to assess the needs of your college community and to create strategic plans to meet those needs. ACCT Corporate Council members work hard to apply their innovations to help your college meet its needs more efficiently. Industry leaders who have analyzed strategic plans from colleges like yours will tell you what themes take the highest priority and how we can help leaders like you strategize and implement innovative solutions. Our panel includes:

- CampusWorks
- Edamerica
- Ferrilli
- Cengage
- Ellucian
- McGraw-Hill



12:00 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

TICKET REQUIRED ⚡

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M.

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

RICH FUKUTAKI

Chair: ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Bellevue College, WA

Join us as we celebrate the regional award winners for the following categories: Professional Board Staff Members, Faculty Members, and Impact and Success Awards.



Aligning Learning and Opportunity: A Vision for 2040

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JAMIE MERISOTIS

President and CEO
Lumina Foundation
(See ACCT App for Bios)



CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Reimagining Enrollment and Student Experience: A Conversation with the College of Southern Idaho

Balcony I, 4th Floor

In this interactive session, learn how the College of Southern Idaho partnered with Anthology to overcome enrollment challenges, enhance the student experience, and improve operational efficiency through a fully integrated, SaaS-based Student Information System (SIS) and ERP solution built to meet both current demands and future institutional needs.

L. DEAN FISHER

President, College of
Southern Idaho, ID

KYLE HARPER

Product Marketing Senior
Director, Anthology, Inc.

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

From Campus Closure to Workforce Catalyst: A Community College-Led Revival

Balcony J, 4th Floor

WVU Parkersburg is transforming a challenge into an opportunity. With the generous support of a private gift, the college partnered with local economic development organizations to acquire a closed 255-acre campus. This strategic investment is now being revitalized into an Innovation and Technology Center – a hub for advanced academic programs, workforce training, and industry collaboration. By co-locating with our partners, the Center will also address critical regional needs in childcare, transportation, and housing, creating a comprehensive ecosystem for community and economic growth.

TORIE JACKSON

President, WVU Parkersburg, WV

JOSEPH OLIVERIO

Board Chair, WVU Parkersburg, WV

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Sparking Students' Democratic Spirit: A Center for Civic Engagement

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Today, more than ever, it is critical to keep young Americans involved in our nation's democratic traditions. Elgin Community College's Center for Civic Engagement addresses this need by sparking student interest in American democracy. The Center's dynamic, student-led programming champions real-world engagement, advocacy and student leadership

PEGGY HEINRICH

President, Elgin Community
College, IL

ANTONIO RAMIREZ

Associate Professor I of History &
Political Science, Elgin Community
College, IL

JAMIE PANG

Associate Dean of Curriculum,
Compliance and Specialized
Academic Initiatives, Elgin
Community College, IL

SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

Trustee, Elgin Community
College, IL

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Enhancing Capacity to Produce a Skilled Workforce through Collaborative Industry Partnerships that Facilitate Faculty and Student Pipeline Expansion

Balcony L, 4th Floor

The College has been proactively expanding its capacity to produce a skilled workforce to address a growing skilled workforce gap. This session focuses on industry-centric partnerships that have led to the completion of multiple new construction projects and expansion of the student pipeline within these high-demand industry sectors.

KATHY BOELLSTORFF

Trustee, Southeast
Community College, NE

CHUCK BYERS

Trustee, Southeast
Community College, NE

BEV CUMMINS

Vice President Campus Operations
and Development, Southeast
Community College, NE

PAUL ILLICH

President, Southeast
Community College, NE

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Reimagine Board Governance for Greater Effectiveness and Better Organizational Performance

Mardi Gras Salon D, 3rd Floor

Prince George's Community College implemented a Governance Enhancement Initiative to review and implement strategies to reimagine: 1. How the Board Does its Work; 2. What the Board Focuses On; 3. How the Board is Structured; and 4. Board Relations. Come learn about the transformation and impact after two years.

TOMEKA BUMBRY

Board Chair, Prince George's
Community College, MD

JUSTIN DOUDS

General Counsel, Prince George's
Community College, MD

AUDREY FARLEY

Trustee, Prince George's
Community College, MD

FALECIA D. WILLIAMS

President, Prince George's
Community College, MD

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Leveraging National Science Foundation Funding to Build Strong Collaborations with Business and Industry in STEM related Workforce Needs

Mardi Gras Salon E, 3rd Floor

The Community College Presidents' Initiative in STEM (CCPI-STEM), funded in 2021 by the National Science Foundation, has the primary goal of informing community college administrators, faculty, and staff about the availability of NSF ATE grant funding to support expanding institutional capacity in STEM curriculum and building partnerships with business and industry to meet workforce demands. The presenters will share best practices being used, business and industry partnerships formed, lessons learned, and strategies colleges should consider in expanding their abilities to leverage NSF ATE funding.

GEORGE BOGGS

Superintendent/President Emeritus,
Palomar College; President and
CEO Emeritus American
Association of Community
Colleges, Chair, Phi Theta
Kappa, CO-PI CCPI-STEM

CHARLENE M. DUKES

President Emerita, Prince George's
Community College, CO-PI
CCPI-STEM

DR. SYLVIA JENKINS

President Emerita, Moraine Valley
Community College, Business
Liaison, CCPI-STEM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Strategic Agility in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) World: Tri-County Technical College's Framework for Responsive Planning

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

This session explores how TCTC developed a flexible, inclusive strategic planning model to respond to rapid change. Presenters will share how the Board and leadership collaborated to align vision, partnerships, and operations with evolving community and workforce needs.

GALEN DEHAY

President, Tri-County
Technical College, SC

HAMID MOHSSENI

Board Chair, Tri-County
Technical College, SC

SARAH SHUMPERT

Associate Vice President
Organizational Development
and Planning, Tri-County
Technical College, SC

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Beyond Transformation: Building a Digital Center for Innovation, Equity, and the Future of Work in California's Community Colleges

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

California's statewide initiative to launch the Digital Center for Innovation, Transformation, and Equity aims to empower community colleges as engines of economic mobility. Aligned with Vision 2030, this center serves as a policy lab and execution hub, leveraging partnerships and faculty-driven innovation to reimagine learning, work-based education, and equity outcomes.

SONYA CHRISTIAN

Chancellor, California
Community Colleges, CA

LEE D. LAMBERT

Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza
Community College District, CA

BILL RAWLINGS

Member, California Community
Colleges Board of Governors, CA

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Student Success in Apprenticeships: Building the Conditions for Retention and Completion

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Apprenticeship success isn't just program design; it's about people and careers. This session focuses on supporting the whole apprentice, recognizing that retention and completion are the results of intentional, learner-centered strategies. By prioritizing student success through wrap-around support, colleges can build apprenticeship ecosystems that empower learners to thrive and persist.

FLO APPEL

Trustee, College of DuPage, IL

DANIELLE KUGLIN SEAGO

Manager, Project Hire-Ed, College
of DuPage, IL

LAURA PALEY

Project Hire-Ed Case Manager,
College of DuPage, IL

MUDDASSIR SIDDIQI

President, College of DuPage, IL

CHRISTINE FENNE

Board Chair, College of DuPage, IL

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Trustee Roles and Behaviors that Support Policy Governance and Active Board Involvement

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Explore with a College President/Chancellor and two seasoned Board Members (with over 35 years of Board experience) board member roles and behaviors that support policy governance and yet allow board members to ask the hard questions to advance the college and support the President/Chancellor.

GIGI EDWARDS BRYANT

Trustee, Austin Community College
District, TX

RUSSELL LOWERY-HART

Chancellor, Austin Community
College District, TX

BARBARA P. MINK

ACCT Consultant, TX

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Integrating an Ecosystem of Support through Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dallas College

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

Dallas College's Student Care Network advances student success by integrating mental health, well-being, and social support for 120,000+ students. Modeled after coordinated healthcare, it addresses social determinants of health and academic outcomes. Presenters will share best practices and scalable strategies for community colleges and universities.

CARLOS E. CRUZ

Associate Vice Chancellor,
Student Wellbeing and Social
Support, Dallas College, TX

JUSTIN LONON

Chancellor, Dallas College, TX

PHIL RITTER

Trustee, Dallas College, TX

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Driving Community College & Adult Education Success with AI-Driven Applications

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Community colleges face unique challenges, from managing limited resources to supporting diverse student populations, including those of adult learners, many of whom are juggling multiple responsibilities that impact their academic progress. Leveraging Agentic AI technology can help these institutions streamline operations, improve decision-making, and enhance student outcomes for adult learners.

ANDY T. CLARK

Industry Executive Director,
Oracle, GA

GILBERT TRAVERSE

Director of the Office of
Technology and Innovation,
Oracle TX

2025 Congress Program

REGIONAL CAUCUSES & MEETINGS 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

VOTING DELEGATES TO ATTEND

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

ACCT CENTRAL REGIONAL CAUCUS AND MEETING

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

AMANDA HOWLAND

Central Regional Chair:
ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: College of Lake County, IL

TELLER

GREG WOLFE

Board Chair: Danville Area
Community College, IL

ASSISTANT TELLER

MARK WALTON

Trustee: Cincinnati State Technical
and Community College, OH

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RICHARD GAUMER

Board Chair: Indian Hills
Community College, IA

ACCT NORTHEAST REGIONAL CAUCUS AND MEETING

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

SHIELA IRELAND

Northeast Regional Chair:
ACCT Board of Directors
Community College of
Philadelphia, PA

TELLER

BARBARA HORL

Trustee: Brookdale Community
College, NJ

ASSISTANT TELLER

TBD

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

TBD

ACCT PACIFIC REGIONAL CAUCUS AND MEETING

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

**NAN GOMEZ-
HEITZBERG**

Pacific Regional Chair:
ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Kern Community College
District, CA

TELLER

EZRAH CHAABAN

Board Chair: Santa Rosa Junior
College, CA

ASSISTANT TELLER

BETTY COBBS

Trustee: Everett Community
College, WA

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

OLIVIA ZEPEDA

Trustee: Arizona Western
College, AZ

ACCT SOUTHERN REGIONAL CAUCUS AND MEETING

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

YVONNA BARNES

Southern Regional Chair:
ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Trident Technical
College, SC

TELLER

DIANA BROWN

Trustee: Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

ASSISTANT TELLER

HAMID MOHSSENI

Board Chair: Tri-County Technical
College, SC

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

ANITA POWERS

Board Chair: James Sprunt
Community College, NC

ACCT WESTERN REGIONAL CAUCUS AND MEETING

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

PRESIDING OFFICER

CAROL SCOTT

Western Regional Chair:
ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Del Mar College, TX

TELLER

RAYMOND LEWIS, JR.

Trustee: Galveston College, TX

ASSISTANT TELLER

TBD

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

ARLEN LEIKER

Trustee: Colby Community
College, KS

2:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

MEETING

ACCT Advisory Committee of Presidents

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Bonaparte, 4th Floor

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

Come meet and engage in informal discussions with ACCT's Search and Retreat specialists.

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

MEETING

**Professional Board Staff Network—
Professional Development Session**

Mardis Grad A-C, 3rd Floor

Reimagining the Work of the Board Staff Professional with AI; and Best Practices for Building Professional Relationships with your Board

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

MEETING

ACCT Chair's Advisory Committee

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Bonaparte, 4th Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Disrupting Ourselves: How Forsyth Tech Reimagined Student Success with AI and Aligned Leadership

Balcony J, 4th Floor

What happens when a college dares to disrupt itself? Forsyth Tech's leaders and trustees, joined by Element451, share how bold vision, AI-powered innovation, and a human-first mindset transformed college enrollment and improved completion rates, redefining what's possible for student success in the AI era. This is transformation in action.

JOHN DAVENPORT

Board Chair, Forsyth Technical
Community College, NC

PAULA DIBLEY

Chief Officer of Student Success &
Strategic Innovation, Forsyth
Technical Community College, NC

SARA SINGLETON

Associate Vice President,
Governance & Strategic
Innovation, Forsyth Technical
Community College, NC

JANET SPRIGGS

President & CEO, Forsyth Technical
Community College, NC

ARDIS KADIU

Founder & CEO, Element451, NC

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Reimagining Student Support Services: A Trustee's Role in Driving Student Success

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Community college students face growing challenges beyond academics. This session explores how trustees can drive integrated support systems focused on mental health, basic needs, and coaching. Learn how to align priorities with student realities and champion sustainable, equitable solutions that boost retention, completion, and student well-being.

JERRY WALKER

Executive Director, Mental
Health Services, TimelyCare, TX

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Federal Student Loan Program Participation, Student Access and Institutional Risk

Mardi Gras Salon D, 3rd Floor

Each year more than 600 Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) students borrow an average of \$7700. With student loans back in the news, it's time to share strategies to reduce institutional risk and improve repayment success. This session will be sensitive to the fast-changing federal student loan and aid landscape.

PAM EDDINGER

President, Bunker Hill Community
College, MA

BILL WALCZAK

Board Chair, Bunker Hill
Community College, MA

JUDITH WITHERSPOON

Senior Vice President,
Edamerica, TN

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Inside the Legislative Playbook: A Trustee, a President, and State Legislators on Influencing Policy that Matters

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

Join a trustee board chair, college president, and senior state legislators as they reveal how mission-driven partnerships, not district lines, can shape policy and funding priorities. Learn how to build influence, navigate appropriations, and position your college as a must-have investment in your state's future.

JOE BROOKS

Board Chair, Stanly Community
College, NC

JOHN ENAMAIT

President, Stanly Community
College, NC

REP. KYLE HALL

Member, NC House of
Representatives, NC

REP. CODY HUNEYCUTT

Member, NC House of
Representatives, NC

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

AI Is Coming for the Back Office, Is Your Board Ready? A Cerritos College Model for Governance in the Age of Automation

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

AI is rapidly transforming noninstructional spaces, and in an era of innovation, Cerritos College shares how it equips trustees to govern through automation using strategic briefings, innovation labs, and scenario planning. This session offers a practical, equity-focused model for building board-level AI literacy, no technical expertise required, just forward-thinking governance.

JOSE FIERRO

President/Superintendent,
Cerritos College, CA

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Transforming Higher Ed: The Dual Impact of Affordable Access on Student Costs and Academic Success

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Affordable access programs are reshaping higher education by reducing student costs while significantly improving retention and completion rates. This model not only addresses financial barriers but also supports academic success, making it a powerful strategy for institutions like Dallas College aiming to increase persistence and outcomes across diverse student populations.

JENNIFER BECKER

Vice President of Strategic
Partnerships, McGraw Hill, TX

GREG MORRIS

Senior Vice Provost, Academic
Services, Dallas College, TX

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Expanding the Healthcare Workforce, Stat!

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

Northern Virginia Community College will provide a roadmap to building the effective cross-sector pathways and partnerships that have grown NOVA's capacity and resources for healthcare programs, including collaborations that have increased dual enrollment and workforce programs and funding to double the medical campus footprint and build out a virtual hospital.

ANNE KRESS

President, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

STEVE PARTRIDGE

Vice President for Strategy,
Research, and Workforce
Innovation, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

JOHN PORTER

Board Chair, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

SHELLY POWERS

Medical Education Campus
Provost, Northern Virginia
Community College, VA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Accreditation Strategy That Sticks: How Data, Priorities, and Trustees Made It Real & Reportable

Studio 8, 2nd Floor

What happens when accreditors force the issue? At LBCC, trustees backed a lightning-fast, data-powered strategy sprint. The team united two counties, around six strategic priorities, and built a plan impossible to ignore and essential to accreditation. Strategy fueled by focus and board engagement, moving decisively at the speed of change.

LISA AVERY

President, Linn-Benton
Community College, OR

JEFF DAVIS

Board Chair, Linn-Benton
Community College, OR

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Pioneering the Future: America's First 3-Year, 92-Credit Bachelor's Degree at a Community College

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Learn about Yavapai College's groundbreaking 3-year, 92-credit Bachelor of Applied Science in Business, the first at a community college in the nation. Designed to be affordable, workforce-ready, and replicable, it showcases how Yavapai's model reduces barriers and offers a high-quality, efficient degree pathway for diverse learners across the country.

DOUG BERRY

Provost, Yavapai College, AZ

DEB MCCASLAND

Board Chair, Yavapai College, AZ

PATRICK KUYKENDALL

Trustee, Yavapai College, AZ

LISA RHINE

President, Yavapai College, AZ

STEVE BRACETY

Trustee, Yavapai College, AZ



3:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

**Leadership Strategies and Approaches for Student Success:
Leveraging SNAP Employment & Training at Your College**

Mardi Gras Salon E, 3rd Floor

Are you interested in new and innovative ways to support your students? Would you like to offset the costs for services you are already providing?

Community Colleges play a vital role in helping students achieve economic mobility and SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) is a program for which community colleges can serve as providers. If your institution is covering the costs of student expenses for those who need it, as a SNAP E&T provider you would be eligible for reimbursement of 50% of those expenditures. Some of the student supports that would qualify include:

- Course tuition and fees
- Testing and credentialing fees
- Supplies such as books, uniforms, tools, equipment
- Public transportation, gas, auto repairs
- Childcare

Join us to learn from leaders who have reimagined solutions for student supports and are embarking on the journey at their respective colleges to serve as SNAP E&T providers.

LEAH BARRETT

President, Northeast Community College, NE

ALISON BUCKLEY

President, Ulster County Community College, NY

LYNDA VILLANUEVA

President, Lee College, TX

KATHI MEDCALF

Managing Senior Consultant, Seattle Jobs Initiative, WA

LINDA RHOADS

Senior Project Associate, Association of Community College Trustees, DC

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

MEETING

Association of Latino Community College Trustees

Balcony L, 4th Floor

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

MEETING

Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees

Balcony I, 4th Floor

3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

MEETING

African American Trustees

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

4:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

Global Learning Coffee Hour

Rhythms Ballroom, Salon 2, 2nd Floor—Sheraton New Orleans

Join us for an informal networking reception to explore ACCT's global learning initiatives and connect with colleagues dedicated to advancing international collaboration in community colleges. Hear from current ACCT global program participants about their experiences and insights, and learn about upcoming opportunities for your college to partner with institutions in India, the UK, and beyond.

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

RECEPTION

North Carolina Delegation

BY INVITATION ONLY 

Riverview 1, 41st Floor

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

MEETING

Texas Delegation

BY INVITATION ONLY 

St. Charles, 41st Floor

THURSDAY

4:30 P.M. – 6 P.M.

MEETING

South Carolina Delegation

BY INVITATION ONLY ✓

Offsite

4:45 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

MEETING

Joint Constituency Groups

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Join us for an evening of networking and socializing! The reception is included with your Congress registration, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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A nighttime photograph of a city street, featuring a street lamp and a traffic light. The image is partially obscured by a large, stylized, pink and white graphic element that resembles a large, abstract letter 'C' or a stylized 'D'.

DAY 3



FRIDAY

OCTOBER 24TH

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION

Studio Hall Foyer, 2nd Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Unleash Untapped Potential: The Power of Adult Diploma Pathway Programs

Balcony I, 4th Floor

Nearly 30 million adults in the U.S. left high school without earning their diplomas, limiting their access to stable employment, higher education, and upward mobility. Community colleges are uniquely positioned to break down this barrier—but traditional GED and adult education programs often fall short for learners balancing work, family, and other responsibilities. This session introduces an innovative solution: a flexible, supportive high school diploma pathway that changes lives while strengthening your enrollment pipeline, deepening community partnerships, and reinforcing your college's mission of access and equity. Join us to discover how this powerful approach can create new opportunities for your college—and unlock the immense potential within your community.

DONALD DEMENT

President, Higher Education,
Graduation Alliance

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Innovations in Climate Resilience and Workforce Readiness

Balcony J, 4th Floor

Explore how the California Renewable Energy Laboratory's innovative partnerships with federal, state, educational, and industry sectors advance climate resiliency and prepare the clean energy workforce, supporting the California Community Chancellor's Office Vision 2030 climate initiatives.

NAN GOMEZ-HEITZBERG

Member, ACCT Board of Directors;
Trustee, Kern Community College
District, CA

NICK GRIFFITH

Director of Career Education,
Porterville College, CA

ELLEN MORRIS

Managing Director, California
Renewable Energy Laboratory, Kern
Community College District, CA

NORMA ROJAS-MORA

Climate Fellow, California
Community College Chancellor's
Office, CA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Partnering with Complete College America to Implement Whole College Reform in Support of Student Success at Scale

Balcony K, 4th Floor

In 2023, Greenville Technical College was invited to become part of the Gates Foundation-funded Complete College America (CCA) initiative. With CCA, we are transforming developmental education, scheduling, finance, guided pathways, and advising, as we work to understand the needs of every student and build clear, supportive pathways to graduation.

RAY LATTIMORE

Board Chair, Greenville Technical
College Area Commission, SC

COLEMAN SHOUSE

Trustee, Greenville Technical
College Area Commission, SC

DAVID STAFFORD

Trustee, Greenville Technical
College Area Commission, SC

JO WATSON HACKL

Trustee, Greenville Technical
College Area Commission, SC

LARRY MILLER

President, Greenville
Technical College, SC

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

The New Orleans Trustee Cookbook, Seven Recipes of Success on How to be the Trustee 5.0 on Your College Campus

Balcony L, 4th Floor

Trusteeship is a journey that embraces change and enhances the person, the college campus, and the community. Hear from Lower Columbia College's President, Executive Leadership Team and Trustees about how collaboration and trusteeship is a style, not a title.

WENDY HALL

Vice President of College Effectiveness, Lower Columbia College, WA

BOGYEONG KIM

Trustee, Lower Columbia College, WA

LUCAS MEYERS

Union Representative, Lower Columbia College, WA

MATT SEIMEARS

President, Lower Columbia College, WA

MARC SILVA

Board Chair, Lower Columbia College, WA

KENDRA SPRAGUE

Vice President of Human Relations and Legal Affairs, Lower Columbia College, WA

DAN RUIZ

Executive Director of DEI, Student Programming & Housing, Lower Columbia College, WA

TRACY STANLEY

Union Representative, Lower Columbia College, WA

NOLAN WHEELER

Vice President of Administrative Services, Lower Columbia College, WA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Beyond The Board Agenda: Accessing Community and Business Resources of Trustees

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

Elected trustees bring vital community connections such as business leaders, unions, K-12 districts, adult education, philanthropy, and elected officials that enhance workforce education. Learn how an Orange County trustee and Chancellor access these networks to expand Career Education while connecting students to opportunities after receiving certificates and degrees.

ELIZABETH DORN PARKER

Board President, Coast Community College District, CA

WHITNEY YAMAMURA

Chancellor, Coast Community College District, CA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Strategic Starts: Innovating Trustee Onboarding Through Insight and Integration

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

NMC's commitment to continuous improvement and support of employee's entrepreneurial mindedness and innovative action has reshaped trustee onboarding, blending peer learning, insights from executive staff, and phased sessions that link strategic goals with operational realities, designed to quickly ground and inspire new trustees.

PAM HORNE

Trustee, Northwestern Michigan College, MI

MARK KEELY

Trustee, Northwestern Michigan College, MI

NICK NISSLEY

President, Northwestern Michigan College, MI

LYNNE MORITZ

Executive Director, President's Office & Board Operations, Northwestern Michigan College, MI

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Student Supports to Increase Enrollment: From Year-Long Registration to Holistic Supports

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Transitioning from faculty advisors to dedicated navigators who provide personalized, holistic support for students, Ozarks Tech has redesigned their student support model leading to increased enrollment and retention. In addition, the college developed a system for year-long registration allowing students to register for up to three semesters at one time.

PAULA ADAMS

Trustee, Ozarks Technical
Community College, MO

KATIE MOORE

Trustee, Ozarks Technical
Community College, MO

LARRY SNYDER

Trustee, Ozarks Technical
Community College, MO

PAUL SUNDY

Trustee, Ozarks Technical
Community College, MO

HAL HIGDON

Chancellor, Ozarks Technical
Community College, MO

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Part Three: Performance Assessed Competency Education (PACE): A Fresh Look at Lewis and Clark Community College's PACE Journey to Support Student Access and Success Highlighting A General Education Competency-Based Bundle, New Faculty and Student Orientations and a Peek at Criminal Justice's PACE Pathway

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Our Performance Assessed Competency Education (PACE) program now offers pathways in Welding Technology, Child Development, and our unique ten-course General Education Bundle. This session highlights our General Education Bundle, introduces new faculty and student orientations, previews our Criminal Justice PACE pathways, and lessons learned around student success with PACE.

BRIAN CAMPBELL

Trustee, Lewis and Clark
Community College, IL

JEN FUHLER

Professor, English and
Literature, Lewis and Clark
Community College, IL

JESSICA NOBLE

Professor, Criminal Justice, Lewis
and Clark Community College, IL

KEN TRZASKA

President, Lewis and Clark
Community College, IL

JIM ECK

Student Trustee, Lewis and
Clark Community College, IL

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

UXOs, AI and Transformation at COM-FSM

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

As artificial intelligence reshapes education globally, how can small island institutions ensure innovation remains rooted in culture and community? This session explores COM-FSM's approach to integrating AI while honoring Micronesian history, values, highlighting strategies for culturally responsive leadership and institutional transformation in the AI era.

SUZANNE L. GALLEN

Board Chair, College of
Micronesia-Federated States of
Micronesia (COM-FSM)

THERESA KOROIVULAONO

President & Chief Executive Officer,
College of Micronesia-Federated
States of Micronesia (COM-FSM)

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Empowering Tomorrow's Skilled Operators and Technicians: The Role of Two-Year Technical Colleges in Workforce Development for the Nuclear Sector

Studio 8, 2nd Floor

Explore critical roles technical colleges play in meeting workforce needs for major employers. Highlighting the relationship between Aiken Technical College and the Department of Energy's Nuclear Security Enterprise, learn how the nuclear sector trains its next generation of workers through specialized programs and apprenticeships tailored to the industry's unique requirements.

FOREST E. MAHAN

President, Aiken Technical College, SC

DORIAN NEWTON

Director, Site Training, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SC

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

A Comprehensive Approach to Online Teaching and Learning

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Sixty percent of community college students enroll in online courses, making quality online learning environments critical to success. Blinn's holistic quality assurance program for online classes maintains well-designed courses and well-trained faculty and students, ensuring greater student success where online learners outperform their face-to-face counterparts.

DENNIS CROWSON

Trustee, Blinn College District, TX

DIANE KETTLER

Trustee, Blinn College District, TX

KATIE LAROCCA

Instructional Design Specialist, Blinn College District, TX

MICHELLE MCGEHEE

Dean for Academic Affairs, Blinn College District, TX

REBECCA EHLERT

Trustee, Blinn College District, TX

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

From Wicked Problems to Winning Strategy: Student Success in Focus

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

What if AI could spot dropouts early or link programs to real jobs and prove it to accreditors? See how Aims Community College is using predictive analytics to drive decisions, boost retention, and guide strategy. Real leaders. Real problems. Real outcomes. Data-powered leadership is fueling student success and future-ready governance.

LEAH BORNSTEIN

CEO/President, Aims Community College, CO

CHRISTINE HAMMOND

Retired President, Mid-Michigan College; Executive Advisor, CampusWorks, FL

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Empowering Student Success: Collaborative Strategies for Early Intervention and Academic Support

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

This session will describe how faculty defined their role in supporting advising and contributed to proactive outreach to students with academic concerns. By cultivating a culture of collaboration and communication, the college is effectively using shared data dashboards to monitor student needs and coordinate efforts to support student success.

JENNIFER BRADLEY

Vice President of Academic Affairs,
Kirkwood Community College, IA

MELISSA PAYNE

Vice President of Student Services,
Kirkwood Community College, IA

TRACY PEARSON

Board Chair, Kirkwood
Community College, IA

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Leveraging Achieving the Dream Coaching to Foster Innovation: How Hudson County Community College Built an Institutional Culture of Student Success and Continuous Improvement

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

Since 2019, HCCC has nurtured a partnership with its ATD Leadership and Data Coaches to build a foundation that fosters the continuous improvement of student success initiatives. Over five years, HCCC has experienced an increase of 85% in its three-year graduation rate and launched the award-winning Hudson Scholars Program.

BAKARI G. LEE

Trustee Emeritus, Hudson County
Community College, NJ

CHRIS REBER

President, Hudson County
Community College, NJ

KAREN STOUT

President and CEO,
Achieving the Dream, MD

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Expenditure Limit at the Ballot—Increasing the Maricopa Community College Expenditure Limitation to Continue Providing High-Quality, Flexible, and Affordable Education to the Students and Communities It Serves

Galerie 4, 2nd Floor

The passage of Proposition 486 allowed MCCCDC to maintain critical programs that prepare students for the workforce, including those in career and technical education, non-credit training, associate degrees, and the system's successful baccalaureate degree programs. MCCCDC serves a diverse student population; the adjusted expenditure limit enables the system to keep pace with the growing needs of its students and the demands of a rapidly evolving workforce. In this session, District and Board Leadership will detail the collaborative effort, system and county-wide, to come to this successful outcome.

SUSAN BITTER SMITH

Board President, Maricopa
Community College District, AZ

STEVEN R. GONZALES

Chancellor, Maricopa Community
College District, AZ

MARIE SULLIVAN

Trustee, Maricopa Community
College District, AZ

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Designing and Implementing a Regional Workforce Ecosystem to Break the Cycle of Poverty Cycle and Expand Regional Economic Vibrancy

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

Learn how business, education, union, economic development and other community-based leaders collaborate through a regional workforce ecosystem to integrate K-12 career exposure and experiences, increase the number of credentialed adults, align programming with employment gaps, lift individuals out of poverty and expand regional economic vitality aligned with the AtD model.

SUSAN MAYER

Chief Learning Officer,
Achieving the Dream, MD

SHEILA QUIRK -BAILEY

President, Illinois Central
College, IL

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Fueling a Campus Culture of Innovation: The Potential is Endless

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

Imagine a supercomputer installed at the heart of your campus, one that accelerates learning for every student and equips faculty with the ultimate teaching toolbox. This isn't science fiction, it's the reality through current technologies. This panel will share how institutions are harnessing the learning tech revolution to transform education.

REETIKA DHAWAN

CEO, Entrepreneur College; Vice
President of Workforce and
Healthcare Programs, Arizona
Western College, AZ

NHAIM KHOURY

Executive Vice President and
General Manager, Higher
Education, Cengage

MARGARET MCMENAMIN

President, UCNJ Union College
of Union County, NJ

JONATHAN WOODWARD

Vice President of Teaching &
Learning and Community
Campus, Mississippi Gulf
Coast Community College, MS

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Voting Delegate Desk

Mardis Gras Salon E & D, 3rd Floor

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

ACCT SENATE MEETING

Mardis Gras Salon E & D, 3rd Floor

The ACCT Senate meeting is the official annual meeting of the association. As defined by the association Bylaws, the ACCT Senate has the full authority of the membership and is composed of the delegates of the Voting Members of the association. All Voting Delegates should plan to attend this meeting. During the ACCT Senate meeting, the Voting Delegates will elect Directors-at-Large to the ACCT Board of Directors and vote on any proposed resolutions and amendments to the ACCT Bylaws. A state-of-the-association report and financial report will also be shared during the meeting.

SENATE CHAIR

RICH FUKUTAKI

Chair: ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Bellevue College, WA

PARLIAMENTARIAN

CONNIE DEFORD

Professional Registered
Parliamentarian

COORDINATOR OF TELLERS

LEROY MITCHELL

Chair: Westchester
Community College, NY

ASSISTANT COORDINATORS OF TELLERS

CONNIE HORNBECK

Chair: Iowa Western
Community College, IA

JIM COOKSEY

Board Chair: Moberly Area
Community College, MO

TELLERS

GREG WOLFE:

Central Region
Board Chair: Danville Area
Community College, IL

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College, NJ

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Central Region
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and Community College, OH

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Trustee: Everett Community College,
WA

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College, SC

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Southern Region
Chair: James Sprunt
Community College, NC

ARLEN LEIKER

Western Region
Trustee: Colby Community
College, KS

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

MEETING

Professional Board Staff Network: Annual Meeting and Regional Roundtable Discussions

Mardis Grad A-C, 3rd Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

The Star Standard: Applying Your College's Brand Guidelines to Student Recognition Events

Balcony I, 4th Floor

Every college has “celebration season,” when college programs host pinning and graduation ceremonies. LCC has worked to apply the college’s brand guidelines to all student recognition events, called “The Star Standard.” Strategies for applying design standards to events will be shared, including ways to highlight trustee attendance and participation.

LAYNE INGRAM

Chief of Staff, Lansing
Community College, MI

ANGELA MATHEWS

Board Chair, Lansing
Community College, MI

STEVE ROBINSON

President, Lansing
Community College, MI

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Skilling the Future Workforce: Career Readiness with Apple

Balcony J, 4th Floor

As technology changes, the skills that employers are looking for are changing — away from passive, knowledge-based skills toward skills like creative problem-solving, analytical thinking, design, and collaboration. Join us to discuss how to equip students with these skills — and how Apple can enable them to do real-world work with real-world tools.

BRUCE LAI

Manager – Strategic
Initiatives, Apple

AMANDA ORNDORFF

Leadership Executive, Apple

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

Community Colleges and the Changing Landscape of Higher Education

Balcony K, 4th Floor

With shifting demographics, evolving workforce demands, and new policy priorities, community colleges face both pressures and possibilities. This session will provide a high-level overview of accreditation, policy, and innovation issues shaping the future of higher education.

JO ALICE BLONDIN

Board Member, Higher
Learning Commission; President,
Clark State College, OH

NASSER PAYDAR

President, Council on Higher
Education Accreditation, DC

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

From Plans to Success: The Use of Scorecards and Quarterly Action Steps

Balcony L, 4th Floor

Every college has a strategic plan, but a plan does not guarantee success. This session will demonstrate how the scorecard behind the plan, coupled with quarterly action steps, facilitates goal attainment. Examples will include how scorecard metrics and targeted strategies positively impact enrollment in both credit and workforce development programs.

JULIE KUNSELMAN

Leader of Research and Coach,
Studer Education, LLC, FL

KRISTEN SIMPSON

Trustee, Rock Valley College, IL

HEATHER SNIDER

Vice President of Institutional
Effectiveness and Communications,
Rock Valley College, IL

HOWARD J. SPEARMAN

President, Rock Valley College, IL

ROBERT (BOB) TROJAN

Trustee, Rock Valley College, IL

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Just Released: Insights from the ACCT-CSCC 2025 Community College

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

ACCT partnered with the Center for the Study of Community Colleges to conduct the largest-ever survey of trustee demographics, motivations, interests, and priorities. Over 2,000 ACCT members responded to the survey. In this session, presenters will discuss surprising findings and how community college governing boards have evolved since the first survey of this kind was conducted in 1997. We will give you copies of the report to bring back to your college.

ROBIN MATROSS HELMS

Vice President, Membership and
Educational Services, ACCT, DC

CARRIE B. KISKER

President, Kisker Education
Consulting, CA

SUE KATER

Assistant Professor of Higher
Education, Idaho State
University, ID

DAVID CONNER

Associate Vice President for
Strategic Communications,
ACCT, DC

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Designing the Future: Integrated Innovation in Learning and Support

Mardi Gras G/H, 3rd Floor

In partnership with Dreamscape Learn, St. Charles Community College (SCC) created the first Center for Immersive Learning in the Midwest, reimagining an existing space to create a state-of-the-art AI/VR lab. The college also remodeled its library to create the EXCEerator, an innovative learning lab for students. This session describes how SCC is advancing innovation, transforming facilities, and using technology to bring AI and virtual reality to higher education.

BARBARA KAVALIER

President/CEO, St. Charles
Community College, MO

PAM CILEK

Board President, St. Charles
Community College, MO

AMY KOEHLER

Provost, St. Charles Community
College, MO

JOSH REIBEL

CEO, Dreamscape Learn

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

From Uncertainty to Clarity: How One College Used Assessment to Make a Student-Centered ERP Decision

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Deciding whether to keep or replace an ERP system requires strategy, not guesswork. This session shares how one college used a holistic, evidence-based assessment, reviewing data, workflows, governance, staff, and student touchpoints, to determine if their ERP supported or hindered the student experience.

NERITA HUGHES

President, Bay College, MI

RITA JERMAN

AVP, Client Transformation,
Ferrilli, NJ

WENDY MIDDAUGH

Trustee, Bay College, MI

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Stabilize, Standardize, Optimize: The CWI Journey of Student Lifecycle Engineering

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

This panel explores CWI's student lifecycle process engineering across functional domains. Learn how optimizing processes from recruitment to completion can attract and retain more students, bucking national trends and ensuring institutional vitality. Discover actionable strategies for sustainable growth in today's challenging higher education landscape.

DENISE ABERLE-CANNATA

Provost, Vice President of
Academic Affairs, College of
Western Idaho, ID

AUTUMN BRACKLEY

Senior IT Program Manager,
College of Western Idaho, ID

TYLER BROWN

AVP, Enrollment and Student
Services, College of Western
Idaho, ID

BRIAN FARISS

Director of Shared Services,
College of Western Idaho, ID

CHRIS GREEN

Associate Vice President, Partner
Solutions, Collegis Education, IL

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

The Engagement of an Interim President in the Time of Change

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

The changing landscape of community college leadership has created the need for interim presidents to serve as the institutions determine new permanent leader. This presentation will outline the pros and cons of engaging interim presidents, the process used to select a leader, and the overall impact on the institution.

DAVID H. DEVIER

Interim President, Westmoreland
County Community College, PA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Unveiling the Truth: How a Community College Became the Nation's Go-To Source on Drones, AI, during the December 2024 Drone Sighting Media Hysteria

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Discover WCCC's high-tech WarrenUAS program, a leader in drone education. Featured on major media outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, FOX, NewsNation, and Late Night with Seth Meyers for its expertise during December 2024 national drone sightings media frenzy, as the program enjoys being recognized for shaping the future of drone education.

WILLIAM AUSTIN

President, Warren County
Community College, NJ

NANCY BROWN

Trustee, Warren County
Community College, NJ

YVONNE REITEMEYER

Board Chair, Warren County
Community College, NJ

BETTI SINGH

Trustee, Warren County
Community College, NJ

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Holistic Student Parent Support at Long Beach City College

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

Long Beach City College is investing in holistic supports for student parents, including family housing, a free on-campus after-school program, and a one-stop support center. In partnership with organizations like Ascend at the Aspen Institute and Raise The Barr, LBCC's transformative approach fosters academic success and generational impact for families.

LORI BARR

Executive Director and Co-Founder,
Raise the Barr, CA

MIKE MUNOZ

Superintendent-President,
Long Beach City College, CA

UDUAK-JOE NTUK

Board President, Long Beach
City College, CA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Elevating Board Effectiveness Through Data-Informed Governance

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Learn how trustees can strengthen oversight by using data to guide policy decisions, set expectations, and monitor progress. This session introduces tools that help boards balance metrics with mission, align with CEOs, and apply data-informed practices to improve student outcomes, institutional effectiveness, and advocacy efforts.

ELIZABETH CHIVERS

Senior Director of Strategy & Policy
Analysis, Texas Association of
Community Colleges, TX

NICOLE EVERSMAHN

Director, Community College
Association of Texas Trustees, TX

CLINT KINGSBERY

Board Chair, Alamo Colleges
District, TX

PAUL R. RODRIGUEZ

Trustee, South Texas College, TX

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Why Students Enroll, Stop Out, or Opt Out: New Research Insights

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

Explore new research from a March 2025 survey of U.S. learners, including high school students, college students, college grads, stopouts, and opt-outs. Hear why students enroll, pause, or skip college, with a focus on the unique challenges and opportunities facing community colleges today.

LYQUAIA PURCELL

Senior Director, Digital
Transformation, Ellucian, GA

NATALIE WALTHER

Director, Solutions Marketing,
Ellucian, VA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Effective Monitoring Reports for Policy Governance

Galerie 4, 2nd Floor

Lakeshore College has been following policy governance for nearly 30 years. This session will share how the Board has fine-tuned monitoring reports to ensure compliance with ends policies while keeping the Board's finger on the pulse of the institution. Real examples of monitoring reports will be shared.

PAUL CARLSEN

President, Lakeshore Technical College, MI

HEIDI JOHNSON

Executive Assistant to the President, Lakeshore Technical College, MI

JOHN WYATT

Board Chair, Lakeshore Technical College, MI

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Caring Futures: Building CNA Career Pathways Through Effective and Meaningful College Community Partnerships

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

This session highlights a partnership between SoLAcc and Crossroads Area Management to strengthen Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training and career readiness. Presenters will share best practices, strategies, and policy recommendations for building education-to-career pipelines that address staffing shortages, expand access, and improve healthcare outcomes across south Louisiana.

TIFFANY HOWARD

Vice President for Economic, Workforce Development, and Continuing Education, South Louisiana Community College, LA

VINCENT JUNE

Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College, LA

CHAD MOODY

Trustee, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Building Maryland's Cybersecurity Workforce: A Statewide Community College Partnership Model

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

This session highlights Maryland's Cyber Workforce Accelerator, a \$7.5M initiative uniting all 16 Maryland community colleges, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, state government, and BCR Cyber to confront 30,000+ cybersecurity vacancies. Panelists will detail how this collaborative, decentralized model established cyber ranges statewide and advanced inclusive, workforce-driven solutions to economic and national security challenges.

SHAWN B. COATES

Trustee, College of Southern Maryland, MD

BRAD PHILLIPS

Executive Director, Maryland Association of Community Colleges, MD

BRUCE SPECTOR

Board Chair, BCR Cyber, MD

YOLANDA WILSON

President, College of Southern Maryland, MD

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

A Student is a Student is a Student: Elevating Non-Credit as a Catalyst for Enrollment, Completion and Community Impact

Balcony I, 4th Floor

Mohave Community College is redefining student success by fully integrating non-credit learning as an academic equal. Guided by the principle “student is a student is a student” MCC’s model expands access, strengthens partnerships, and creates flexible, cross-functional pathways that support workforce readiness, completion, and lifelong learning for all learners.

TIM CULVER

Interim President, Mohave College, AZ

ANA MASTERSON

Dean of Corporate and Community Education, Mohave College, AZ

DIANE SINGER

Board Chair, Mohave College, AZ

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Equity-Driven Strategies to Reimagine Community College Access and Success for Poverty-Impacted Students

Balcony J, 4th Floor

Pierce College is reimagining student access and success by focusing on the ALICE population (working adults living paycheck to paycheck) and those living under the poverty level. This session will discuss an equity-focused strategy that advances equitable access and opportunities and deep community partnerships in high-ALICE population zip codes.

ILDER BETANCOURT LOPEZ

Vice President, Learning and Student Success, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, WA

CHIO FLORES

President, Pierce College Puyallup, WA

SHAWNA FREEMAN LANE

Interim Vice President, Equity, Engagement, and Belonging, Pierce College District, WA

JULIE WHITE

Chancellor and CEO, Pierce College District, WA

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Providing for Students’ Basic Needs: Housing, Food, and Health Care

Balcony K, 4th Floor

Inability to access basic needs such as housing, food, and health services is an obstacle to students’ wellbeing and therefore student success. Addressing student housing insecurities, food insecurities, and deficiencies in mental and medical health, San Juan College aims to improve student recruitment, underpin retention, and improve performance and completion.

BOOMER APPLEMAN

Vice President - Student Services, San Juan College, NM

R. SHANE CHANCE

Trustee, San Juan College, NM

EDWARD DESPLAS

Executive Vice President, San Juan College, NM

TONI HOPPER PENDERGRASS

President, San Juan College, NM

JOE RASOR

Trustee, San Juan College, NM

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

An Innovation of Inclusivity: Fostering a Culture of Belonging Throughout the Campus Community

Balcony L, 4th Floor

This presentation will showcase Bergen Community College's year long Disability Alliance Fellowship project, an innovative campus-wide initiative that helps student fellows develop peer advocacy and leadership skills aimed at facilitating opportunities for meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities (and others) across the campus community.

DOROTHY BLAKESLEE

Board Chair, Bergen Community College, NJ

ERIC FRIEDMAN

President, Bergen Community College, NJ

TERESA SERIO

Center for Adult Transition Coordinator, Bergen Community College, NJ

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Is There Life After a Vote of No Confidence?

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

In recent months and years, faculty votes of no confidence in community college CEOs have dramatically increased in frequency. The variety of stated reasons for the votes have also dramatically expanded. This session will explore the meaning of a no confidence vote and present options for a board and CEO to move forward after a vote of no confidence.

KEITH CURRY

President, Compton College, CA

BRIAN KING

Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District, CA

JOHN J. "SKI" SYGIELSKI

President, Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Being a True Policy Driven Board: The Board's Role in Setting, Using, and Reviewing Policy

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

Boards should understand best practices of policy development and review and consider essential components of bylaws and board policies. This session will help Board members identify critical elements of being a policy-driven board.

DEBBIE DITHOMAS

► Co-Facilitator
ACCT Consultant

MARY HAVERCROFT

Trustee, North Idaho College, ID

JODY PUGH

Board Chair, Santa Fe Community College, NM

TARIE ZIMMERMAN

Trustee, North Idaho College, ID

BRAD EBERSOLE

► Co-Facilitator
ACCT Consultant

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Scaling Immersive Learning: A Collaborative Model for Workforce Readiness

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Discover how immersive technology is enhancing workforce training and student engagement in career and technical education programs. This fireside chat explores a scalable framework for implementing virtual reality and augmented reality (VR/AR) across institutions through strategic collaboration and shared resources. Learn best practices for faculty training, adoption, and long-term program success.

RICKY HOLM

Co-founder, Chocolate
Milk & Donuts, MT

JEREMY LUBY

Co-founder, Chocolate
Milk & Donuts, MT

BEN MORITZ

Director of Education Policy,
Unbound Academy, TX

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Building a Strong Board of Trustees

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Governing boards are as much a part of the higher education landscape as students and faculty. This session will equip new and veteran trustees by providing practical insight into the role of the trustee. Attention will be given to trustee relationships with their colleagues, the president, legislators, and community stakeholders.

ANDRE' M. LASSITER, SR.

Trustee, Roanoke-Chowan
Community Health Center, NC

JERI PIERCE

Trustee, Roanoke-Chowan
Community College, NC

MURRAY J. WILLIAMS

President, Roanoke-Chowan
Community College, NC

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Identifying Opportunities for Your Students: Careers in the U.S. Congress

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

Join Congressional staff as they provide an overview of the wide range of career opportunities in Congress, beginning with internships and continuing through roles such as legislative Staff, communications Staff and administrative staff – whether in a Member Office, Committee or District office. The session will also highlight the free resources available to help educate and prepare candidates for these roles, both on and off the Hill. This includes the House Intern Resource Office and Office of Talent and Development.

JEBEN CASTRO

Community Outreach and
Engagement Director, Office of
the Chief Administrative Officer,
U.S. House of Representatives, DC

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Speaking the Language of Business: Understanding the Employer Mindset to Drive ROI in Workforce Training

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Demonstrating ROI is often the decision point for employers when deciding whether to invest in training at their local community college or opt for in-house training. Learn how Parkland College has forged strong partnerships with car dealerships—and students—across the Midwest to become the largest Ford ASSET program in the country.

MAUREEN BANKS

Board Chair, Parkland College, IL

DAVID CHARNEY

Automotive Faculty, Ford ASSET,
Parkland College, IL

PAMELA LAU

President, Parkland College, IL

NANCY SUTTON

Vice President for Academic
Services, Parkland College, IL

CAROLYN RAGSDALE

Trustee, Parkland College, IL

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Harnessing the Power of AI for Cutting-Edge Fraud Detection

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

The Foothill - De Anza Community College District (FHDA) is leveraging LightleapAI to combat enrollment fraud. The collaboration ensures FHDA's more than 64,000 students have access to the classes they need to complete while protecting its institutional integrity. This innovative solution enables rapid problem-solving and scalable solutions.

JORY HADSELL

Vice Chancellor of Technology &
Innovation, Foothill - De Anza
Community College District, CA

LEE LAMBERT

Chancellor, Foothill - De Anza
Community College District, CA

PETER LANDSBERGER

Board President, Foothill -
De Anza Community College
District, CA

KIRAN KODITHALA

Founder & CEO, N2N Services, GA

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

The Mission Statement as an Actionable "Driver" of Practice for College Activities and the College-Board Relationship

Galerie 4, 2nd Floor

Please join us to learn how San Carlos Apache college transformed its Mission Statement to an actionable "driver" of practice using an ARROW framework. Come learn what this acronym means and hear examples of how it is being operationalized both in college actions and the college's interaction with the board.

LINDA SUE WARNER

President, San Carlos Apache
College, AZ

DURENA THOMPSON

Board Chair, San Carlos
Apache College, AZ

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Empowering Community Colleges for the AI Era: The CT State Presidential AI Fellows Model

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

This session explores CT State's Presidential AI Fellows program, where 37 leaders across 12 campuses drove ethical, college-wide AI implementation. Learn how to build leadership pipelines, establish ethical frameworks, and launch student-centered AI initiatives with a replicable roadmap for your institution.

CAREY HAWKINS ASH

Special Advisor to the President /
Executive Director for Presidential
Projects, Connecticut State
Community College, CT

O. JOHN MADUKO

Interim Chancellor, Connecticut
State Colleges & Universities, CT

TED YANG

Regent, Connecticut State
Colleges and Universities, CT

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Outcomes Based Funding: Advancing Credentials of Value and Workforce Preparedness

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

From this panel discussion, learn how trustees can support programs leading to in-demand jobs, strengthen partnerships with business and industry, and promote economic mobility. Using TXHB8 as a case study, learn applicable framework for engaging in policy conversations, setting measurable goals, and aligning college missions with workforce and community needs.

BRIAN HAGGERTY

Board Chair, El Paso Community
College, TX

KERI MOE

Associate Vice President of
External Relations, Communication
& Development, El Paso
Community College, TX

CARMEN OLIVAS GRAHAM

Trustee, El Paso Community
College, TX

BONNIE SORIA NAJERA

Trustee, El Paso Community
College, TX

WILLIAM SERRATA

President, El Paso Community
College, TX

10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Industry Partners Advise on Relevant Workforce Skills in the New Tech Age

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

We all know that we are living through a revolutionary transition to a new tech age. But do you know how to leverage innovations to prepare your students with the skills they need to work with those new technologies? Take part in an interactive session with industry leaders who will explain how your college can skill students for the future. Learn from:

- Lightcast
- Oracle
- Trane Technologies
- NexusEdge
- SME

2:15 P.M. – 3 P.M.

MEETING

Welcome Session for New ACCT Board Members

Studio 4, 2nd Floor

12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

REGIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

TICKET REQUIRED ⚡

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M.

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Join us as we celebrate the regional award winners for the following categories: CEO and Trustee Awards.

PRESIDING OFFICER

RICH FUKUTAKI

Chair: ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Bellevue College, WA



The Future Is Now: Guiding Colleges Through AI Transformation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. CLAIRE BRADY

President, Glass Half Full Consulting; Co-Founder,
Association of Higher Education Consulting and Coaching
(See ACCT App for Bios)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Fast Track to Talent: The Power of Short-Term Credentials in Manufacturing

Balcony I, 4th Floor

Short-term credentials provide fast, focused training for in-demand manufacturing skills. They offer flexible pathways for learners to quickly enter or advance in the workforce, helping employers fill urgent talent gaps while supporting economic mobility and career growth. Community Colleges are at the center providing a qualified workforce quickly.

JUSTIN LONON

President, Dallas College, TX

RANDALL VANWAGONER

President, Mohawk Valley
Community College, NY

DEB VOLZER

Director of Government and
Workforce Partnerships, SME, MI

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Innovative Practices from the Utah Veteran Business Resource Center (VBRC) at Salt Lake Community College

Balcony J, 4th Floor

Join us for an in-depth look at the Utah Veteran Business Resource Center's innovative practices, driving veteran business success that has a direct economic impact. Discover unique strategies, best practices, and success stories from the nation's only VBRC, housed at Salt Lake Community College.

LORI CHILLINGWORTH

Board Chair, Salt Lake Community
College, UT

BECKY GUERTLER

Manager/Director, Utah Veteran
Business Resource Center, UT

FRANK UNPINGCO

Domination Thru Automation
(DTA), UT

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

The 2025 Bellwether Award Honorees: Achieving Exceptional Results in Enrollment and Success Outcomes, Pre-College Student Preparation, and Workforce Revitalization

Balcony K, 4th Floor

This year's Bellwether Award recipients will share their innovative, scalable, replicable, and equity-focused programs that established impactful accountability measures and strategic practices for college success, expanded the college-going pipeline, and transformed a coal-focused complex into a training center for high-demand jobs. Engage with these three award-winning institutions.

CARRIE CORTEZ

Vice Chancellor for Academic
Affairs and Workforce Initiatives,
Fletcher Technical Community
College, LA

CYNTHIA S. KELLEY

President & CEO, Madisonville
Community College, KY

ROSE MARTINEZ

Director, Alamo Colleges District/
Bellwether College Consortium, TX

JANET N. SPRIGGS

President, Forsyth Technical
Community College, NC

CLINT KINGSBERRY

Board Chair, Alamo
Colleges District, TX

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Creating an “Inescapable” Student Success Model for All First-Year Students Using ATD’s Community Vibrancy Framework

Balcony L, 4th Floor

Harper College and ATD leaders will discuss momentum metrics baked into a new student success model that can lead to campus-wide student success gains. The approach illustrates the “inside-out” strategy (using data to design programs for success during and after college) central to ATD’s new Community Vibrancy framework.

WILLIAM KELLEY

Board Chair, Harper College, IL

AVIS PROCTOR

President, Harper College, IL

KAREN STOUT

President, Achieving the Dream, MD

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Navigating the Federal Funding Landscape in Challenging Times

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

As community colleges navigate current federal grant opportunities and changes to federal financial aid, there are numerous issues that schools should consider. This session will talk about the current status of federal grants and steps community colleges can take to understand risk, prepare for funding opportunities, and advocate against harmful changes.

AMANDA FUCHS MILLER

President, Seventh Street Strategies

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Leading Clearly in Uncertain Times: Why Policy Governance is Essential for Community College Boards

Mardi Gras Salon G/H, 3rd Floor

Amid rapid political shifts, increased scrutiny, and heightened accountability, few colleges embrace Policy Governance®, a clear, outcomes-driven leadership model. Two experienced community colleges share powerful insights, practical tools, and real-world lessons demonstrating why now is the essential moment for boards to adopt this transformative approach to effective governance.

DOREY DIAB

President & CEO, North Central State College, OH

ELIZABETH MORANDO

Trustee, North Central State College, OH

DANIEL J. PHELAN

President & CEO, Jackson College, MI

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

A Multi-faceted Approach to Meet Burgeoning Workforce Demands

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

North Central Missouri College has demonstrated a transformative approach to meeting the workforce needs of its 17-county service region. A key element of the college's strategic plan, these strategies are based on market research, curricular innovations, experiential learning, partnerships with regional industries and collaborations with higher educational partners.

LENNY R. KLAVER

President, North Central
Missouri College, MO

ROBERT MALONEY

Trustee, North Central
Missouri College, MO

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Building Seamless Healthcare Pathways: From HUC to MAS and LPN to Nursing

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

This session highlights Mott Community College's approach to creating stackable, student-centered career pathways in the healthcare field. Learn how academic alignment, flexible scheduling, and integrated advising are used to guide learners from non-credit training into credit-bearing programs and on to employment.

ANAR GURU

DPT, Dean of Health
and Human Services,
Mott Community College, MI

ROBERT MATTHEWS

Vice President of Student,
Academic and Workforce Success,
Mott Community College, MI

AUTUMN SCHERZER

Director of Workforce and
Economic Development,
Mott Community College, MI

WENDY WOLCOTT

Trustee, Mott Community
College, MI

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Beyond Oversight: Reimagining the Board-CEO Partnership

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

In today's charged climate, trustees and CEOs navigate transformation, scrutiny, and politicization. This bold session explores the real dynamics of board-CEO relationships, trust, tension, and care. Discover how reimagined partnerships move beyond oversight to champion mission, model integrity, foster innovation, and support the wellness and resilience of the presidency.

STEPHANIE BULGER

President, Lane Community
College, OR

DEANNA R. BURT-NANNA

President, Monroe Community
College, NY

CONNIE O. WALKER

Trustee, Monroe
Community College, NY

JULIE WEISMANN

Trustee, Lane Community
College, OR

GEORGE BOGGS

Superintendent/President Emeritus,
Palomar College, CA

MARIA CRISTINA SHEEHAN

Founder, Sheehan Health and
Wellness, LLC, NV

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

From Leadership to Learning: How Trustees and Presidential Support Advanced AI Adoption in Education

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Trustees and the President recognized the impact AI would have on the workplace and in the classroom. Early adoption of AI training for all faculty and staff resulted in development of custom bots for assessment of student learning outcomes, course improvements and AI literacy built across the curriculum.

JEANETTE ADDINGTON

Trustee, Hocking College, OH

TRACE JOHNSON

CEO, AI Owl, OH

BETTY YOUNG

President, Hocking College, OH

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Reimagining Community Colleges: Innovating Workforce and Skills Development for a Dynamic, Technological Economy and Workplace

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

Discover how leveraging AI, cutting-edge technologies, and collaborative workforce development solutions can revolutionize your institution. Learn how to create student-centered pathways for success and implement effective board governance to support sustainable initiatives. Drive student success while maximizing energy efficiency and financial savings in community and technical colleges.

KATIE GRAFF

Director, High School Partnerships,
Gateway Technical College, WI

MICHAEL HINES

National Education Initiatives
Leader, Trane Technologies, KS

JASON TADLOCK

Board Chair/Superintendent,
Gateway Technical College/
Elkhorn Area School District, WI

CHRIS TROTIER

Director of Strategic Partnerships,
Elkhorn Area School District, WI

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Data-Informed Policy and Decision-Making

Galerie 4, 2nd Floor

As the stewards of their colleges' missions and goals in an environment that is changing rapidly, trustees need relevant, up-to-date data to drive policy and decision-making. Learn about key metrics on student and institutional success, important sources of institutional, state, and local data and an emerging framework to effectively apply this data to inform governance work. ATD and ACCT experts will debut a new co-designed Data-Informed Policy and Decision-Making on-line course, available on ACCT Connect.

SUSAN MAYER

Chief Learning Officer,
Achieving the Dream, MD

ROBIN MATROSS HELMS

Vice President, Membership and
Education Services, ACCT, DC

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Bridging the Skills Gap: Collaborative Approaches to Apprenticeship-Based Workforce Development through OEM and Consortium Partnerships

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

Explore how colleges can drive workforce development through employer-sponsored, apprenticeship-based OEM and consortium partnership models. This session highlights structures and processes KCKCC has built, collaborating with industry partners, to create targeted workforce pipelines and address skills gaps specific to each of our industry partners.

SCOTT BALOG

Executive Vice President, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

ASHLEY IRVIN

Associate Dean, Career and Technical Education, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

GREG MOSIER

President, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

ERIC YOUNG

President, Alpha Robotics, Inc., KS

ALEXIS EBERTH

Manager, Continuous Improvement, Panasonic Energy Corporation of North America, KS

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

MEETING

Tribal Colleges and Universities

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

MEETING

ACCT Board of Directors

Mardis Gras Salon E & D, 3rd Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Governance and Training: Preparing A Skilled Energy Workforce in a Volatile Energy Environment

Balcony I, 4th Floor

This session explores how inclusive policymaking and strategic training programs can balance environmental justice with workforce needs in the energy and manufacturing sectors. Attendees will learn how collaboration and future-focused development can foster a resilient, equitable energy economy that supports communities, drives innovation, and meets evolving industry demands.

STANLEY BIENIEMY

Director, Government & Community Relations Louisiana, Air Products, LA

TIM HARDY

Member, ACCT Board of Directors; Board Chair, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

QUINTIN TAYLOR

Chancellor, River Parishes Community College, LA

DONOVAN THOMPSON

Executive Director & Dean of Energy Sciences Division and EPIC Consortium, River Parishes Community College, LA

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Integrating HubSpot AI training into Classroom Instruction to Generate Digital Credentials that Automatically Lead to Internship Recruiting

Balcony J, 4th Floor

49 California Community Colleges integrated HubSpot AI training into classes from their LMS (Canvas), students that passed HubSpot materials received digital credentials that automatically qualify them as applicants for 300 HubSpot Micro-Internships. During their micro-internship, students used AI digital marketing tools to help HubSpot clients grow their businesses.

JULIE BARNES

Chancellor, South Orange Community College District, CA

DEBBIE IKEDA

Member, ACCT Board of Directors; Trustee, State Center Community College District, CA

EDDIE LIN

Co-Founder, CEO, NexusEdge, NY

TRISHA MURAKAWA

Board President, El Camino College, CA

SUE CHAN

Trustee, Ohlone College, CA

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

A Comprehensive Workforce Development Strategy for Regional Revitalization Through Students' Success

Balcony K, 4th Floor

This presentation examines today's challenges for college leaders, enrollment, funding, rising costs, and student needs while highlighting the Board's impact, the President's leadership, and the power of partnerships like the FWD Center, Federal Tech Hub, and Advanced Technology Center in driving student success and regional talent development.

DEANNA R. BURT-NANNA

President, Monroe Community College, NY

GLADYS PEDRAZA-BURGOS

Trustee, Monroe Community College, NY

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Creating a College Going Culture in Rural Arizona: Leveraging Early College to Achieve our BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal)

Balcony L, 4th Floor

In 2018, AWC's District Governing Board established a Big, Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG) of doubling baccalaureate degree attainment. Since then, AWC increased Early College enrollment by 940%, led the state in enrollment growth and awarded a record number of credentials. Come see how AWC is creating a college going culture.

DANIEL CORR

President, Arizona Western
College, AZ

OLIVIA ZEPEDA

Trustee, Arizona Western
College, AZ

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Themes and Trends from the ACCT CEO Compensation Survey

Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd Floor

The themes and trends related to presidential compensation are extensive and varied. Based upon the ACCT Compensation Survey you will hear what the primary considerations are related to offering a presidential candidate a competitive compensation package, and how they may apply to your institution dependent on size, rural or urban location, regional considerations, and your history. These factors will, in part, affect your competitive position in the market, and can influence the longevity and success of your most important hire.

CINDY LOPEZ

Director of Search Services and
Tribal College Initiatives, ACCT, DC

BRADLEY EBERSOLE

ACCT Retreat and Search
Consultant; Former President,
Washington State College
of Ohio, OH

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Second Chances, Golden Opportunities: A Blueprint for Student Comebacks

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Highland Community College recently launched the Scottie Gold Initiative, a transformative program to support former students in completing their degrees. This program provides up to 12 credit hours tuition-free for qualified students to return to the College and complete their degree. This session outlines lessons learned in creating this program.

VINCENT BOWHAY

President, Highland
Community College, KS

MARK ROUNDS

Trustee, Highland
Community College, KS

JENNIFER SCHILLER

Executive Vice President,
Highland Community College, KS

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Serving “the Other” During a Time of Political and Social Uncertainty

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Recent social and political developments in the United States have created great uncertainty as to how colleges should interact with individuals whom majority populations consider “the Other”—individuals who are “different” than the majority population. This session will define “the Other” and provide concrete means for serving such individuals.

DAVID R. LOOPE

President, Beaufort County
Community College, NC

KATHLEEN SIMPSON

Board Chair, Beaufort County
Community College, NC

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Igniting Economic Growth Through Enhanced Workforce Programs

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

St. Louis Community College’s work with industry partners provides a platform for creative hiring and training practices for healthcare and manufacturing workers in the St. Louis region.

PHYLLIS ELLISON

Associate Vice Chancellor, St.
Louis Community College, MO

CRAIG H. LARSON

Trustee, St. Louis Community
College, MO

JEFF L. PITTMAN

Chancellor, St. Louis Community
College, MO

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

AI in Action: Transforming Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

Discover how AI is reshaping education. This session will offer strategies for making AI an ally in education, ensuring community colleges remain relevant in preparing students for a technologically transformed workforce. Through demonstrations participants will explore how AI can empower learning and enhance rather than replace the educator’s role.

PAMELA HANEY

President, Moraine Valley
Community College, IL

BETH MCELROY KIRKWOOD

Board Chair, Moraine Valley
Community College, IL

JOHN SANDS

Professor, Department Chair -
Computer Integrated
Technologies, Moraine Valley
Community College, IL

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

If It’s Good for the Region, It’s Good for the College

Galerie 1, 2nd Floor

Based on the premise “if it’s good for the region, it’s good for the college,” San Jacinto College leads the Houston region in recruiting and retaining industries. The College’s workforce development includes developing pathways to address teacher shortages, leveraging risk and partnerships in biomanufacturing, and redesigning business and entrepreneurship programs.

ALLATIA HARRIS

Vice Chancellor, Strategic
Initiatives, San Jacinto College, TX

BRENDA HELLYER

Chancellor, San Jacinto
College, TX

DAN MIMS

Board Chair, San Jacinto
College, TX

LAUREL WILLIAMSON

Deputy Chancellor and College
President, San Jacinto College, TX

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Empowering Trustees: A Holistic Approach to Board Success

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Community colleges champion holistic student success, why not extend that model to our boards? Learn how Anne Arundel Community College is adapting student-centered strategies to support trustees through inclusive onboarding, mentoring, and shared professional development focused on inclusion and governance excellence.

NADINE CHIEN

Board Chair, Anne Arundel
Community College, MD

SANDRA E. MOORE

Trustee, Anne Arundel Community
College, MD

JENNIFER PASTRONE

Trustee, Anne Arundel Community
College, MD

JOYCE PRICE-JONES

Trustee, Anne Arundel Community
College, MD

DAWN LINDSAY

President, Anne Arundel
Community College, MD

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Data Trek: Awakening the Data Force Across Your Campus

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

In a galaxy of endless data, join a mission to turn data fear into data fluency for the entire campus community. Across six episodes, faculty, staff, students, and trustees explore the Dataverse, navigating enrollment metrics, decoding equity constellations, and scanning CTE systems. Equipping themselves to boldly go where insights lead.

CRYSTAL KOLLROSS

Executive Director Office of
Institutional Effectiveness,
Pasadena City College, CA

TAMMY SILVER

Trustee, Pasadena
City College, CA

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Empowering Student Success: How Board Members Drive Impactful Change Through Cuyahoga Community College's Food Pantry Initiative

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

This session will explore how the impact of strategic collaborations between board members, foundations, and college administration have led to the development of a student-operated food pantry on each campus. Attendees will learn about innovative student-centered approaches for addressing basic student needs, improving academic performance, retention rates, and overall well-being.

MICHAEL BASTON

President, Cuyahoga Community
College, OH

ANN FRANGOS

Trustee, Cuyahoga Community
College, OH

MEGAN O'BRYAN

Vice President, Development,
President, Tri-C Foundation,
Cuyahoga Community College, OH

ALAN ROSSKAMM

Trustee, Cuyahoga Community
College, OH

4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

MEETING

Under 45 Caucus

Studio 3, 2nd Floor

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

RECEPTION

ACCT Incoming Chair

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Riverview I & Pre Function, 41st Floor

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

RECEPTION

ACCT Regional Award Recipients

Napoleon, 41st Floor

7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

TICKET REQUIRED ♦

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Enjoy an evening celebrating excellence in community college leadership and service.

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

AWARDS CEREMONY

- M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership
- Impact and Success
- Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer
- William H. Meardy Faculty Member
- Professional Board Staff Member

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8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

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NOTES:

DAY 4





SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25TH

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Where Vision Meets Pragmatism

Balcony J, 4th Floor

This interactive session explores how college presidents and boards of trustees collaborate to advance overall institutional success. Through shared strategies, best practices, and real-world examples, participants will learn how to strengthen stakeholder relationships, navigate political and financial challenges, and work toward their college's long-term growth and improved student success.

DENNIS LAMBRIES

Board Chair, Piedmont
Technical College, SC

HOPE RIVERS

President, Piedmont
Technical College, SC

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

ACCT Regional and Associational Awards Program

Studio 2, 2nd Floor

ACCT annually recognizes the tremendous contributions made by one exemplary trustee, chief executive officer, faculty member, professional board staff, and equity in each of its five regions. Regional awardees are the nominees for the national annual Association award. This is an opportunity to learn first-hand from previous awardees and a great way to honor individuals at your institution. Learn how to write a nomination that will get noticed by the Awards Committee.

KIELO SAVILAAKSO

Director, Member
Engagement, ACCT, DC

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Immersive Experiences Connect the Board to Programs, Business, and Industry

Studio 6, 2nd Floor

Community colleges tout their connections to business, industry, and the real-world skills they provide their students. The Montgomery College Board of Trustees has opportunities to engage in immersive experiences that highlight this as precursors to board meetings, showcasing programs and campuses, and the program/faculty relationships with business and industry.

GLORIA APARICIO BLACKWELL

Board Chair, Montgomery
College, MD

DEIDRE PRICE

Senior Vice President for Academic
Affairs, Montgomery College, MD

JERMAINE F. WILLIAMS

President, Montgomery
College, MD

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

From Classroom to Career: Partnering with Industry to Scale Workforce Learning

Studio 7, 2nd Floor

Explore the College's use of state and federal funds and varied data sources to deliver industry-aligned, blended workforce learning opportunities to over 2,000 individuals. See how internships, apprenticeships, and short-term credentials – developed with local employers – boost learner success, deliver better career and wage outcomes, and improve longitudinal trends.

JAMES A. CHAVEZ

Trustee, Central New Mexico
Community College, NM

JOY FOREHAND

Vice President of Workforce and
Community Success, Central New
Mexico Community College, NM

TRACY HARTZLER

President, Central New Mexico
Community College, NM

THOMAS SWISSTACK

Board Chair, Central New Mexico
Community College, NM

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

CEO Search Expertise: Engage with ACCT Search Consultants and Trustees

Studio 9, 2nd Floor

This is your opportunity to engage with the ACCT Search Team and also hear the trustee perspective. Ask the questions that you need answered before conducting your CEO search. What type of search process will work for your college? How can your college attract a highly diverse and competitive candidate pool? What challenges could your institution face when a long-time president is leaving? What can derail your search? Ask us and find out.

JILL BOARD

ACCT Consultant

STEPHEN HEAD

ACCT Consultant

ANDRE LASSITER

Prior Chair, Roanoke-Chowan
Community College, NC

HELEN SUGHRUE

Executive Assistant,
President's Office, Trident
Technical College, SC

JULIE GOLDER

Vice President of Search
Services, ACCT, DC

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Leading Together: How Laredo College Grew Enrollment Through Mission-Driven Strategy and Board Collaboration

Galerie 2, 2nd Floor

Laredo College President Dr. Minita Ramirez, Board Chair Esteban Rangel, and Ellucian's Ellen Mayes share how unified leadership and bold strategy helped grow enrollment and retention. Learn how 8-week terms, OER, wraparound support, and tech modernization came together to create a mission-aligned, student-first experience.

ELLEN MAYES

Director of Strategic Programs,
Ellucian, VA

MINITA RAMIREZ

President, Laredo College, TX

ESTEBAN RANGEL

Board President,
Laredo College, TX

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Breaking Barriers, Raising Expectations: Access To Achievement in NC Community Colleges

Galerie 3, 2nd Floor

This session highlights how NC community colleges, in partnership with NCCCS, are advancing inclusive programs for students with I/DD. Attendees will learn proven strategies from BCC's efforts to expand access, enhance support, and promote student success, empowering attendees/trustees to implement equity-driven practices at their own institutions.

GREG BLAND

Vice President CEWD, Brunswick
Community College/Brunswick
Interagency Program, NC

CHAD CUMBER

Director, Brunswick Community
College/Brunswick Interagency
Program, NC

ALAN HOLDEN

Board Chair, Brunswick
Community College, NC

GENE SMITH

President, Brunswick
Community College, NC

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Ushering Adult Learners on to and through Pathways to Mobility

Galerie 4, 2nd Floor

Enrollment is growing as adults look for improved career opportunities and income mobility gains. Despite financial incentives, adults feel overlooked by a system not designed for them that prevents achievement of their goals. This session shares new research and high impact adult-centered strategies from several colleges and states.

SHON COOK

Trustee, Muskegon
Community College, MI

SUSAN MAYER

Chief Learning Officer,
Achieving the Dream, MD

JOHN SELMON

President, Muskegon
Community College, MI

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Beyond Completion: Building Bridges to Economic Mobility

Galerie 5, 2nd Floor

For adult students, particularly those supporting families, SUNY Ulster's New Start program extends engagement beyond completion, helping them transition from college to careers with family-sustaining wages. This session shares how the model informs assessment, institutional strategy, and Board-level decision-making to expand how the College defines student success.

DEBORAH BRIGGS

Board Chair, SUNY Ulster, NY

ALISON BUCKLEY

President, SUNY Ulster, NY

ARIE DREWES

Director of New Start,
SUNY Ulster, NY

CHRISTOPHER MARX

Vice President for Workforce,
Economic Development, and
Community Partnerships,
SUNY Ulster, NY

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Innovative Onboarding: Empowering Trustees to Lead Through Change

Galerie 6, 2nd Floor

This session explores an innovative, equity-informed approach to onboarding new trustees. Learn how to inspire strategic leadership through interactive orientation, case studies, and tools. Leave with a sample framework, digital toolkit, and practical insights to build board cohesion, trust, and readiness to govern through today's challenges.

EZRAH CHAABAN

Board President, Santa Rosa
Junior College, CA

ANGELICA GARCIA

Superintendent/President, Santa
Rosa Junior College, CA

ZEHRA SONKAYNAR

Executive Officer, President's
Office and Board of Trustees,
Santa Rosa Junior College, CA



9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION CLOSING BREAKFAST

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DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 A.M.

Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor

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RICH FUKUTAKI

Chair: ACCT Board of Directors
Trustee: Bellevue College, WA

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Comments by Incoming Chair

CAROL DEL CARLO

Regent, Nevada System of Higher Education

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ACCT 2026 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONGRESS IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

JUAN SALGADO

Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago, IL

PATRICIA MURPHY

Trustee, Moraine Valley Community College; President, ICCTA

JIM REED

Executive Director, ICCTA



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. JENNIFER FERNANDEZ

Dean of Nursing and Former Student
Delgado Community College, LA
(See ACCT App for Bios)



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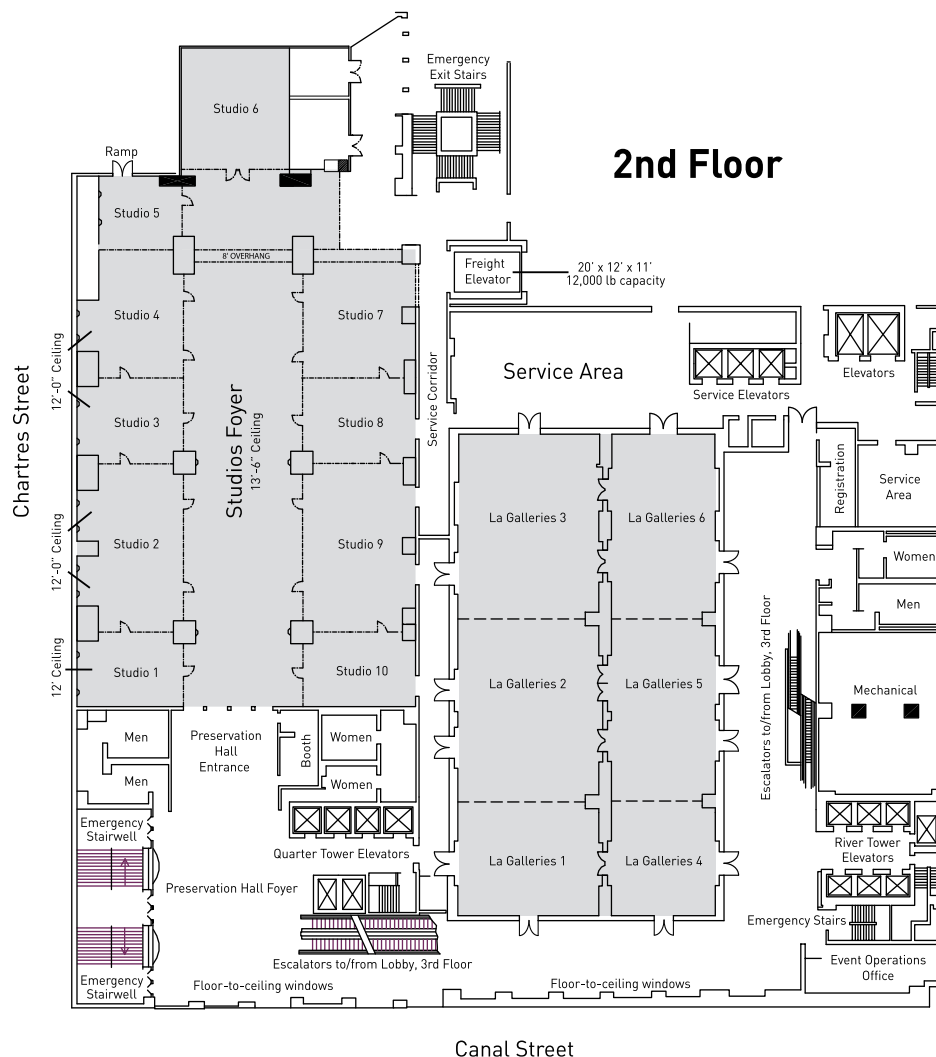
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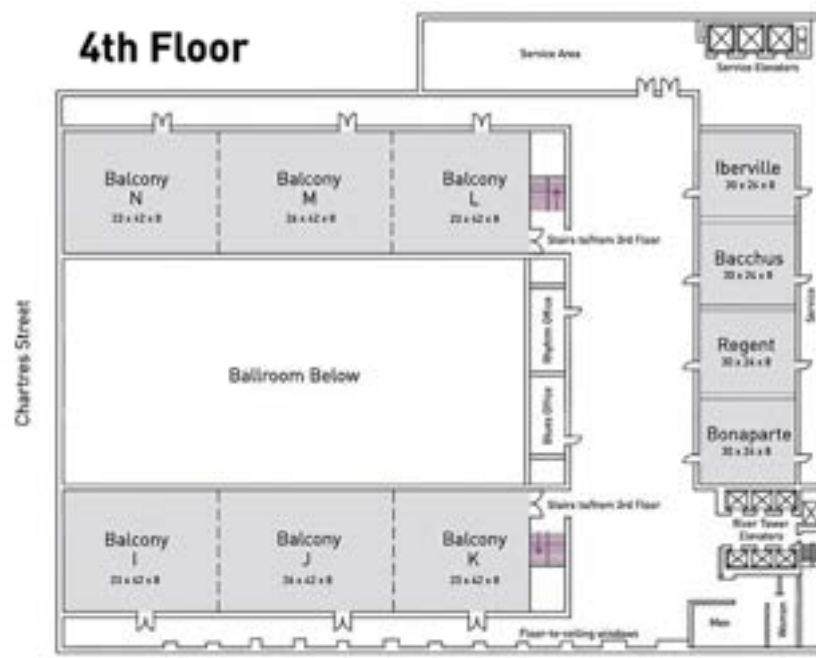
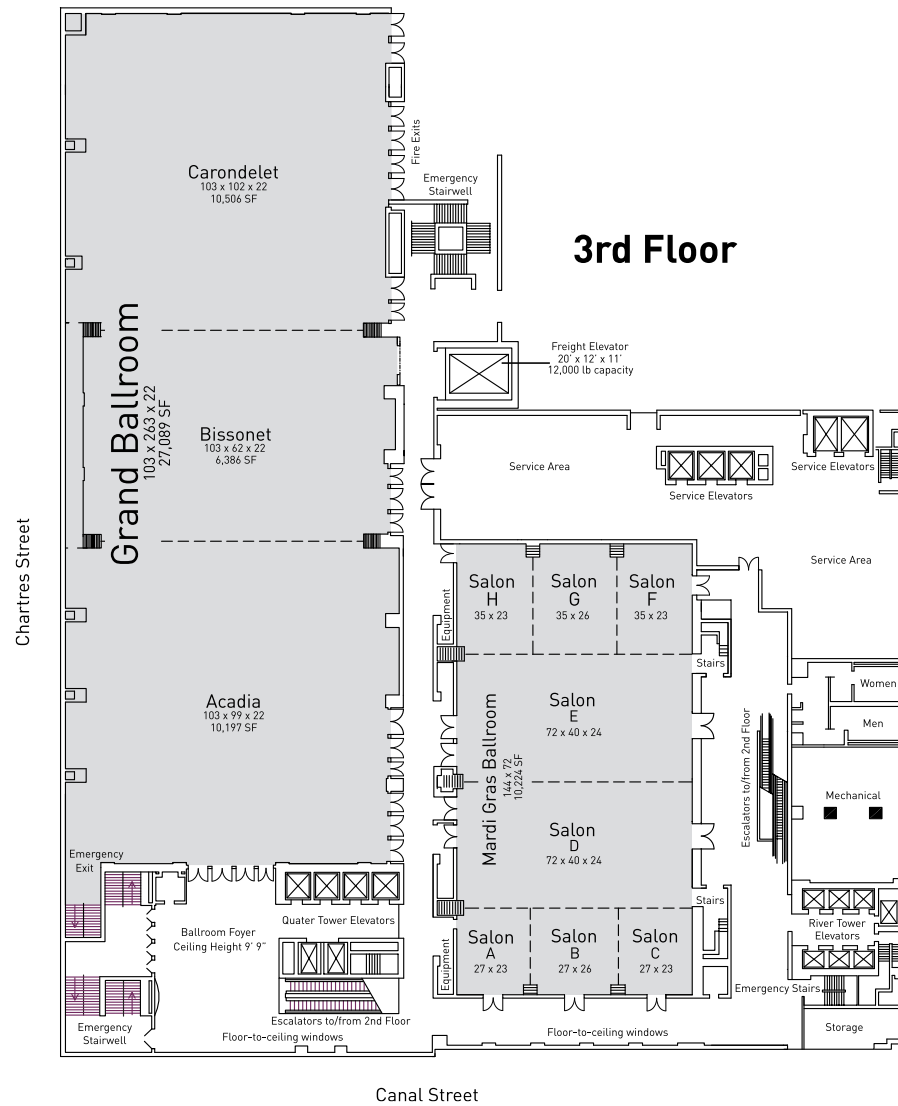
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