



Program Kick Off
Embassy Suites-1st Floor-River City Ballroom

DAY ONE-July 14th

9:00 a.m. Welcome To Great Deans-Let's start this professional development journey together.

ACCCA's Executive Director, **Susan Bray**

ACCCA President, **Geisce Ly**, Dean, Downtown Center and School of Business, Child Development, Culinary, Fashion, & Horticulture, City College of San Francisco (Virtual)

Management Development Commission Lead, **Andy MacNeill**, Dean, Arts, Humanities, Communication and Telecommunication, San Diego City College

Great Deans Facilitators

Ray Gamba, Vice President Academic Affairs, Ohlone College

Maniphone Dickerson, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships & Workforce Innovations, San Jose City College

Scott Silverman, Dean, Noncredit & External Programs, Santa Monica College

Amy Schulz, Executive Dean, Workforce and Strategic Initiatives, Sierra College

Abigail Patton, Vice President Academic Affairs, LATTC

- Land Acknowledgement
- Program Overview

10:30 a.m. Refreshment & Brain Break

10:45 a.m. Cohort Ice Breaker & Group Photo

12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Equity at the Core – Why It Matters for Deans**

Ray Gamba, Vice President Academic Affairs, Ohlone College

Abigail Patton, Vice President Academic Affairs, LATTC

This session explores the critical role deans play in advancing equity across campus. Participants will examine how centering equity in leadership, resource allocation, and decision-making can drive student success and institutional change. The workshop will also focus on how deans can grow their agency to lead transformative equity work, building confidence, influence, and strategic capacity to foster more inclusive, student-ready environments.

2:30 p.m. Refreshment & Brain Break

2:45 p.m. **Equity Talk** (Virtual)

Dr. Abdimalik Buul, Visiting Executive of Institutional Equity, Innovation, and Strategic Impact, Chancellors Office

4:00 p.m. Community Circle | Closing Remarks | Adjourn

6:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner
Il Fornaio, Wells Fargo Center 400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento
(Walkable from Embassy Suites)

DAY TWO—July 15th

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Optional)

9:00 a.m. **Budgeting with Impact: Essentials for Academic and Student Services Deans**

Marie Amboy, Vice President of Administrative Services, Merritt College

This interactive workshop demystifies budgeting essentials for deans, including the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), strategic implications for executive planning, and day-to-day decision making. Learn to navigate categorical funding and braid resources effectively to align with institutional goals and drive student success.

10:30 a.m. Refreshment & Brain Break

12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Budgets paired with Braided Funding- Federal and State Impacts to our Funding Team Leads**

2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:45 p.m. **Breaking Chains: Transforming Limiting Beliefs into Empowered Possibilities. Reclaiming Your Joy by Changing Your Thoughts**

Laurie Scolari, Vice President, Student Services, Foothill College

Higher ed leadership can feel like a slow march through molasses—weighted by invisible burdens, constant pivots, and mounting expectations. In this session, Dr. Laurie Vázquez Scolari invites you to shed the limiting beliefs that fuel burnout and reclaim the radical joy that sparked your purpose in the first

place. Through reflection, and a little joyful rebellion, you'll walk away with tools to rewire your mindset, break free from scarcity thinking, and lead with heart—even in the midst of bureaucracy.

4:15 p.m. Community Circle | Closing Remarks | Adjourn

Complimentary Reception at Embassy Suites 5:30 to 7:30 pm | Dinner on your own

DAY THREE–July 16th

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Optional)

9:00 a.m. **From a Good Dean to a Great Dean: The Power of Decisions and Relationships, while Navigating Workplace Politics**

Wyman Fong, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Emeritus, Chabot-Las Positas CCD

- Know your why
- Awareness of identity, values, and leadership style
- Building and sustaining your leadership team
- Managing up, down and sideways
- Dealing with difficult people

10:30 a.m. Refreshment & Brain Break

10:45 a.m. Concepts | Worksheet Activity | Goal Setting by Great Deans Facilitators

11:30 a.m. Community Circle | Closing Remarks | Grab & Go Lunch