



ACCCA 50TH Anniversary Conference

Agenda At A Glance (AAG)

February 18--20, 2026

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and that presenter cancellation, should it happen, is out of our control. Updates in progress.

Pre--Conference -- Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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| 8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open |
| 8:30 AM -- 4:15 PM | Melbourne | Management Essentials Training <i>(Separate Registration Required)</i> |
| 11:00 AM -- 4:00 PM | Barcelona/Casablanca | 2025--26 Great Deans Final Session <i>(Invitation Only)</i> |
| 1:30 PM -- 2:30 PM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open |
| 2:00 PM -- 6:00 PM | Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | SJCA C3 & C4 Final Session <i>(Invitation Only)</i> |
| 4:00 PM -- 8:00 PM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open |
| 5:00 PM -- 7:00 PM | Tokyo/Vancouver | Board of Directors Meeting <i>(Invitation Only)</i> |
| 7:00 PM -- 9:00 PM | Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | Alumni Reception <i>(Open to All Program Alumn)</i> |

Day 1 -- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | General, Breakout Sessions and 50th Anniversary Golden Reception

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| 7:45 AM -- 5:30 PM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open |
| 7:45 AM -- 5:30 PM | Pre--Function Area | ACCCA Community Connect |
| 8:00 AM -- 9:45 AM | Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | 2026--27 Mentor Program Orientation <i>(Invitation Only)</i> |
| 8:45 AM -- 9:45 AM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space ---- Native, Indigenous, and Pacific Islander |
| 9:00 AM -- 9:45 AM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Connection-- Where First--Time Attendees Meet Future Colleagues |
| 9:00 AM -- 7:30 PM | Pre--Function Area | Connect with Sponsors |
| 9:00 AM -- 5:30 PM | Palos Verdes (4th Floor) | Emeritus Suite <i>(A networking and learning space for retired administrators)</i> |
| 10:00 AM -- 11:30 AM | Centennial Ballroom | ACCCA President, Geisce Ly, opens the 50th Annual Conference, Land Acknowledgment and Presenting Sponsor Western Governors University Remarks Keynote Presentation with Dr. Lowery--Hart, Chancellor, Austin CCD |
| 11:30 AM -- 11:45 AM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break |

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSION #1

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| | 1A: Too Authentic for Your Own Good? Melbourne | 1B: Decode the Docs: AI Chatbots for CBAs, BPs, and APs Barcelona/Casablanca | 1C: Maximizing the SCFF Centennial Ballroom | 1D: Forward Together: Fueling LGBTQ+ Momentum Across California Community Colleges Tokyo/Vancouver | 1E: Office Hours LIVE!: Ask Us Anything (Work Related, of course) Ocean Ballroom | |
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| 12:45 PM -- 1:45 PM | Centennial Ballroom | Networking Lunch & Awards: The Mertes Award for Excellence in Community College Research and The ACCCA Award for Equity, Diversity and Social Justice | | | | |
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| 1:45 PM -- 2:45 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space ---- Multiracial | | | | |
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1:45 PM to 2:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSION #2

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| | 2A: Everything I Need to Know About Leadership, I Learned from Ted Lasso Tokyo/Vancouver | 2B: Herding Cats: Derailed by a False Narrative Melbourne | 2C: AI in Action: Empowering Leadership & Productivity Ocean Ballroom | 2D: Supporting Enrollment Growth: Dual Enrollment Liaison Program Centennial Ballroom | 2E: Leveraging Eight Capitals to Maximize Budgets To Expand College and Career Pathways Barcelona/Casablanca | |
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| 2:45 PM -- 3:15 PM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
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| 3:15 PM -- 4:15 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space ---- Black and African American | | | | |
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3:15 PM to 4:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION #3

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| | 3A: Rooted Reflections: Leadership Through Culture, Care, and Community Tokyo/Vancouver | 3B: What I Wish I Knew: HR Edition Navigating the "Employee Part" of California Community Colleges Ocean Ballroom | 3C: ACCCA xTalks Melbourne | 3D: Trial by Fire is NOT an Acceptable Onboarding Mechanism Centennial Ballroom | 3E: Noncredit 101: Understanding California's Hidden Gem in Adult Education Barcelona/Casablanca | |
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| 4:15 PM -- 4:30 PM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
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| 4:30 PM -- 5:30 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space ---- Asian and Asian American | | | | |
| 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSION #4 | | | | | | |
| | 4A: Can't They All Just Get Along? Developing Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills Ocean Ballroom | 4B: Creating a Culture of Equity Through Accessibility Barcelona/Casablanca | 4C: Chingonas Unite: Real Talk About Latina Leadership Tokyo/Vancouver | 4D: Labor 101: Now You're On the Bargaining Team -- What Next Centennial Ballroom | 4E: ACCCA xTalks Melbourne | |
| 5:30 PM -- 7:30 PM | Pre--Function Area & Terrace | ACCCA's 50th Anniversary Golden Reception (<i>Open to all Conference Participants</i>) | | | | |
| Day 2 -- Thursday, February 19, 2026 General, Breakout Sessions, Awards, Association Meeting and '70s Party | | | | | | |
| 7:45 AM -- 4:45 PM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check--In / Information Desk Open | | | | |
| 7:45AM -- 4:45 PM | Pre--Function Area | ACCCA Community Connect | | | | |
| 7:45AM -- 8:45 AM | Cerritos Boardroom (2nd floor) | Professional Headshots (<i>Open to all Conference Participants</i>) | | | | |
| 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM | Centennial A | Deluxe Continental Breakfast | | | | |
| 7:45 AM -- 9:00 AM | Barcelona/Casablanca | Breakfast with a Leader (<i>Separate Registration Required</i>) | | | | |
| 8:00 AM -- 2:15 PM | PreFunction | Connect with Sponsors | | | | |
| 9:00 AM -- 4:30 PM | Palos Verdes (4th Floor) | Emeritus Suite (<i>A networking and learning space for retired administrators</i>) | | | | |
| 9:00 AM -- 10:15 AM | Centennial Ballroom | Keynote Presentation-- "State of the Community College" with Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President and CEO, American Association of Community Colleges | | | | |
| 10:15 AM -- 10:45 AM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
| 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space ---- Disabled Community & Administrators with Disabilities | | | | |
| 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #5 | | | | | | |
| | 5A: Redefining Student Support: Norco College's Standard of Care Framework Tokyo / Vancouver | 5B: Respectful, Details--Driven Persistence for Meaningful Change Melbourne | 5C: Learning California: A Leadership Journey from the Outside In Centennial Ballroom | 5D: The Free Speech Playbook Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | 5E: Keeping it 100! Barcelona / Casablanca | 5F: Planning with Purpose: Inspire 2035 Shanghai |
| 11:00 AM -- 11:30 AM | Pre--Function Area | Business Member Roundtable (<i>All Sponsors Welcome</i>) | | | | |
| 12:00 PM-- 1:15 PM | Centennial Ballroom | Networking Lunch, 2025--26 Mentor Program Graduation & ACCCA Awards: Harry Buttimer and Leadership Awards | | | | |
| 1:15 PM -- 2:00 PM | Pre--Function Area | Dessert Break and Last Chance to Visit the Sponsors | | | | |
| 2:00 PM -- 3:00 PM | Centennial Ballroom | "The Future of Education" with Willy Duncan, Superintendent/President, Sierra College, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President and CEO, American Association of Community Colleges, Michelle Fischthal, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Innovation and Effectiveness, San Diego Community College District, Wendy Stewart, Associate Vice President, Chief Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Officer, MiraCosta College | | | | |
| 3:00 PM -- 3:15 PM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
| 3:00 PM -- 4:00 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space--Latiné/Latinx/Latino/a | | | | |
| 3:15 PM -- 4:30 PM | Centennial Ballroom | Annual Association Business Meeting, Legislative Report, and 2025 Volunteer Award (<i>Members and Future Members Encouraged to Attend</i>) | | | | |
| 4:00 PM -- 5:00 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space--LGBTQ+ | | | | |
| 5:00 PM -- 6:00 PM | Marina (4th Floor) | Affinity Space--White Accomplice and Ally | | | | |
| 7:00 PM -- 10:00 PM | Centennial A / Prefunction / Terrace | 70s Party with Live Band " Private Practice" and Casino Night (<i>Open to all Conference Participants</i>) | | | | |
| Day 3 -- Friday, February 20, 2026 General, Breakout Sessions and Closing Keynote Presentation | | | | | | |
| 7:30 AM-- 12:00 PM | Pre--Function Area | Conference Check--In / Information Desk Open | | | | |
| 7:30 AM -- 8:30 AM | Centennial A | Deluxe Continental Breakfast | | | | |
| 7:15 AM -- 8:30 AM | Barcelona / Casablanca | Breakfast with a Leader (<i>Separate Registration Required</i>) | | | | |
| 8:00 AM--10:00 AM | Cerritos Boardroom (2nd floor) | Professional Headshots (<i>Open to all Conference Participants</i>) | | | | |
| 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #6 | | | | | | |

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| | 6A: Using Empathy Circles in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Centennial Ballroom | 6B: Developing Streetwise Scholars into Streetwise Leaders Melbourne | 6C: Mentorship Matters: Leading Through Uncertainty Together Shanghai | 6D: Building Our Puzzle for our Students! Using Technology to Bring it all Together! Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | 6E: Say Yes to the Desk Barcelona / Casablanca | |
| 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
| 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #7 | | | | | | |
| | 7A: Quit Your Job and Start Leading Tokyo / Vancouver | 7B: Legal Eagles Centennial Ballroom | 7C: Mic Up: Using AI to Strengthen Black Male Presence in the Workforce Melbourne | 7D: The Generational Mosaic: Aligning Leadership Values Across Eras Barcelona / Casablanca | 7E: In The Hot Seat Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor) | 7F: Preparing for a Successful Bond Measure Shanghai |
| 10:45 AM -- 11:00 AM | Pre--Function Area | Refreshment Break | | | | |
| 11:00 AM -- 12:00 PM | Centennial Ballroom | Momentum Keynote Presentation, with Greg Smith, Chancellor, San Diego CCD | | | | |
| 12:00 PM -- 2:00 PM | Centennial A & Terrace | 2026–27 Mentor Program Luncheon <i>(Invitation Only)</i> | | | | |