



# 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

8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM	Pre--Function Area	Conference Check--In / Information Desk Open
8:30 AM -- 4:15 PM	Barcelona/Casablanca	Management Essentials Training <i>(Separate Registration Required)</i>
11:00 AM -- 4:00 PM	Melbourne	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

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)	<b>Emeritus Suite</b> <i>(A networking and learning space for retired administrators)</i>
10:00 AM -- 11:30 AM	Centennial Ballroom	<b>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</b>
11:30 AM -- 11:45 AM	Pre--Function Area	Refreshment Break

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

	1A: Too Authentic for Your Own Good?	1B: Decode the Docs: AI Chatbots for CBAs, BPs, and APs	1C: Maximizing the SCFF	1D: Forward Together: Fueling LGBTQ+ Momentum Across California Community Colleges	1E: Office Hours LIVE!: Ask Us Anything (Work Related, of course)	1F: Everything you ever wanted to know about Community College Leadership (but were afraid to ask)
	Melbourne	Barcelona/Casablanca	Centennial Ballroom	Tokyo/Vancouver	Ocean Ballroom	Shanghai

12:45 PM -- 1:45 PM	Centennial Ballroom	Networking Lunch & Awards: The ACCCA Award for Equity, Diversity and Social Justice and The Mertes Award for Excellence in Community College Research
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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

	2A: Everything I Need to Know About Leadership, I Learned from Ted Lasso	2B: Herding Cats: Derailed by a False Narrative	2C: AI in Action: Empowering Leadership & Productivity	2D: Supporting Enrollment Growth: Dual Enrollment Liaison Program	2E: Leveraging Eight Capitals to Maximize Budgets To Expand College and Career Pathways	
	Tokyo/Vancouver	Melbourne	Ocean Ballroom	Centennial Ballroom	Barcelona/Casablanca	

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 --- Asian and Asian American
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### 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION #3

	3A: Rooted Reflections: Leadership Through Culture, Care, and Community	3B: What I Wish I Knew: HR Edition Navigating the "Employee Part" of California Community Colleges	3C: ACCCA xTalks	3D: Trial by Fire is NOT an Acceptable Onboarding Mechanism	3E: Noncredit 101: Understanding California's Hidden Gem in Adult Education	
	Tokyo/Vancouver	Ocean Ballroom	Melbourne	Centennial Ballroom	Barcelona/Casablanca	

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 ---- Black and African 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>				
<b>Day 2 -- Thursday, February 19, 2026   General, Breakout Sessions, Awards, Association Meeting and '70s Party</b>						
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 -- 8:45 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)	<b>Emeritus Suite</b> <i>(A networking and learning space for retired administrators)</i>				
<b>9:00 AM -- 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Centennial Ballroom</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation-- "State of the Community College" with Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President and CEO, American Association of Community Colleges</b>				
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	A Toast to Our Sponsors- Business Member Appreciation <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				
<b>2:00 PM -- 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Centennial Ballroom</b>	<b>"The Future of Education" moderated by Tameil Gilkerson, Chancellor, Peralta CCD 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</b>				
3:00 PM -- 3:15 PM	Pre--Function Area	Refreshment Break				
<b>3:00 PM -- 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Marina (4th Floor)</b>	Affinity Space--Latiné/Latinx/Latino/a				
3:15 PM -- 4:30 PM	Centennial Ballroom	<b>2025 Volunteer Award, Legislative Report, and Annual Association Business Meeting</b> <i>(Members and Future Members Encouraged to Attend)</i>				
<b>4:00 PM -- 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Marina (4th Floor)</b>	Affinity Space--LGBTQ+				
<b>5:00 PM -- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Marina (4th Floor)</b>	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>				
<b>Day 3 -- Friday, February 20, 2026   General, Breakout Sessions and Closing Keynote Presentation</b>						
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 -- 8:15 AM	Centennial Ballroom	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						

	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 Tokyo/Vancouver	6D: Building Our Puzzle for our Students! Using Technology to Bring it all Together! Ocean Ballroom (1st Floor)	6E: In The Hot Seat Barcelona / Casablanca	
9:30 AM -- 9:45 AM	Pre-Function Area	Refreshment Break				
<b>9:45 AM to 10:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #7</b>						
	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: Preparing for a Successful Bond Measure Shanghai	
10:45 AM -- 11:00 AM	Pre-Function Area	Refreshment Break				
<b>11:00 AM -- 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Centennial Ballroom</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation -- "Leading on Values: The Fierce Urgency of Now" with Greg Smith, Chancellor, San Diego CCD</b>				
12:00 PM -- 2:00 PM	Centennial A & Terrace	2026-27 Mentor Program Luncheon <i>(Invitation Only)</i>				