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

Time	Event
8:30 AM - 4:15 PM	Management Essentials Training *(Separate Registration Required)*
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	2025-26 Great Deans Final Session *(Invitation Only)*
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	SJCA C3 & C4 Final Session *(Invitation Only)*
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting *(Invitation Only)*
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Alumni Reception *(Open to All Program Alumn)*

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

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 5:30 PM	Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open
7:45 AM - 5:30 PM	ACCCA Community Connect
8:00 AM - 9:45 AM	2026-27 Mentor Program Orientation *(Invitation Only)*
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Conference Connection- Where First-Time Attendees Meet Future Colleagues
9:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Connect with Sponsors
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	ACCCA President, Geisce Ly, opens the 50th Annual Conference, Land Acknowledgment and Presenting Sponsor Western Governors University Remarks **Keynote Presentation** Dr. Lowery-Hart, Chancellor, Austin CCD
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	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	2C: Maximizing the SCFF	2D: Forward Together: Fueling LGBTQ+ Momentum Across California Community Colleges		

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

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	

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Refreshment Break

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: Planning with Purpose: Inspire 2035	3D: Trial by Fire is NOT an Acceptable Onboarding Mechanism	3E: Noncredit 101: Understanding California's Hidden Gem in Adult Education	

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Refreshment Break

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	4B: Preparing for a Successful Bond Measure	4C: Creating a Culture of Equity Through Accessibility	4D: Chingonas Unite: Real Talk About Latina Leadership	4E: Labor 101: Now You're On the Bargaining Team – What Next	4F: ACCCA xTalks

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	ACCCA's 50th Anniversary Golden Reception *(Open to all Conference Participants)*

Day 2 - Thursday, February 19, 2026
General, Breakout Sessions, Awards, Association Meeting and 70s Party

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 4:45 PM	Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open
7:45AM - 4:45 PM	ACCCA Community Connect
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Deluxe Continental Breakfast
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast with a Leader *(Separate Registration Required)*
8:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Connect with Sponsors
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	**Keynote Presentation- State of the Community College** Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President and CEO, American Association of Community Colleges
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Refreshment Break

10:45 AM to 11:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #5

5A: Redefining Student Support: Norco College's Standard of Care Framework	5B: Respectful, Details-Driven Persistence for Meaningful Change	5C: Learning California: A Leadership Journey from the Outside In	5D: The Free Speech Playbook	5E: ACCCA Live Office Hours	

Time	Event
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Business Member Roundtable *(All Sponsors Welcome)*
12:00 PM- 1:15 PM	Networking Lunch, 2025-26 Mentor Program Graduation & ACCCA Awards: Harry Buttimer and Leadership Awards
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Dessert Break and Last Chance to Visit the Sponsors
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	**The Future of Education** 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	Refreshment Break

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	**Annual Association Business Meeting, Legislative Report, and 2025 Volunteer Award** *(Members and Future Members Encouraged to Attend)*
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	70'S Party with Live Band " Private Practice" and Casino Night *(Open to all Conference Participants)*

Day 3 - Friday, February 20, 2026
General, Breakout Sessions and Closing Keynote Presentation

7:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Conference Check-In / Information Desk Open
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Deluxe Continental Breakfast
7:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast with a Leader *(Separate Registration Required)*
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Professional Headshots *(Open to all Conference Participants)*

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #6					
6A: Using Empathy Circles in Conflict Resolution and Mediation	6B: What Support Feels Like: A Leadership Framework for Basic Needs Work	6C: Developing Streetwise Scholars into Streetwise Leaders	6D: Mentorship Matters: Leading Through Uncertainty Together	6E: Building Our Puzzle for our Students! Using Technology to bring it all together!	6F: ACCCA xTalks

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Break

9:45 AM to 10:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #7					
7A: Quit Your Job and Start Leading	7B: A Leader's Compass: The Inner Work for Impact	7C: Legal Eagles	7D: Two Hats, One Purpose: Program Director & Grant Manager	7E: The Generational Mosaic: Aligning Leadership Values Across Eras	

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	**Momentum Keynote Presentation**, Greg Smith, Chancellor, San Diego CCD
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	2026-27 Mentor Program Luncheon *(Invitation Only)*