

ACCCA Regional Events: Spring 2026 NorCal Regional Training

Navigating Today's Community College Landscape

Friday, March 27, 2026 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sierra College Board Room (LR-133)

5100 Sierra College Blvd., Rocklin, CA

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Check-in
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast & Mingle
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Remarks
9:05 am – 9:10 am	“Why ACCCA?”
9:10 am – 9:15 am	Sponsor’s Remarks - Oppenheimer Investigations Group
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Session 1: Leading in the Gray – The Executive Art of Collaborative Adaptability <ul style="list-style-type: none">● William “Willy” Duncan, Superintendent/President, Sierra College● Rebecca Bocchicchio, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction, Sierra College● Lucas Moosman, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services, Sierra College
	<p>Session Summary: In complex and evolving environments, leadership is rarely exercised in clear black-and-white conditions. While “gray” can imply uncertainty, it also creates depth and dimension. For community colleges to thrive today, leading in the gray is not a temporary condition but an executive discipline. This session explores how senior leaders collaborate across divisions to navigate fiscal pressures, legislative shifts, student needs, and operational complexity. Participants will gain insight into how synchronized adaptability, shared trust, and disciplined decision-making allow institutions to move forward with clarity even when circumstances remain uncertain.</p>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Session 2: Ethics, Judgment, and the Responsible Use of AI for Managers <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Amy Schulz, Executive Dean, Workforce and Strategic Initiatives, Sierra College● Fabio Zampieri, Chief Technology Officer, Sierra College
	<p>Session Summary: As artificial intelligence and emerging technologies reshape operational environments, leaders must balance innovation with institutional integrity. This session will explore responsible integration of AI tools, ethical guardrails, governance considerations, and managerial judgment in rapidly evolving contexts.</p>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch

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1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Session 3: Communication, Relationships, and Psychological Safety

- Emilie B. Mitchell, Dean, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Cosumnes River College – Main Campus

Session Summary: This session will explore how leaders build trust and performance cultures through clarity, consistency, and accountability. In complex environments, psychological safety is not accidental; it is built through predictable leadership behaviors, equitable expectations, and disciplined communication practices that strengthen teams over time.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Session 4: Resilience, Grit, and Leadership Sustainability

- Geisce Ly, President, ACCCA and Dean, Downtown Center & Business, Child Development, Culinary Arts, Fashion & Horticulture, City College of San Francisco

Session Summary: Navigating today's community college landscape requires endurance as much as strategy. This session will explore resilience, grit and perseverance, including the importance of self-care and work/life harmony. Participants will be encouraged to self-reflect and commit to a personal action plan to be more intentional, redefine meaning, and find joy to sustain themselves and their teams over time while maintaining clarity of purpose and impact.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Closing Remarks and Raffle Drawing