



# ACCCA Great Deans Program

## Diversity, Equity, and Identity

### Panel Biographies



**Wyman M. Fong** serves as Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD). Since 2012, Wyman Fong has served as the CLPCCD's Chief Labor Negotiator, and oversees employment and equal employment opportunity programs, legal services, employee and labor relations, benefits, and organizational/people development. He has been employed in human resources for over 25 years.

Wyman was elected in 2021 as President for the Association of California Community College Administrators ([ACCCA](#)) and was a member of the Board since 2016. In 2024 he was named recipient of ACCCA's *Uncommon Courage Award*.

Wyman also previously served two terms as President for the Association of Chief Human Resource Officers/Equal Employment Officers ([ACHRO/EEO](#)).

Additionally, Wyman takes great pride serving as a Board member (and past president) for Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education ([APAHE](#)), as well as being a founding member of [The Coalition](#), which is three higher educational organizations standing in solidarity to address conditions of inequity within the California Community College system.

These organizations include the African American Male Education Network and Development ([A2MEND](#)), APAHE, and California Community College Organizacion de Latinx Empowerment Guidance & Advocacy for Success ([COLEGAS](#))



**Dr. Ajani M. Byrd** is an equity-minded, scholar-practitioner that specializes in the retention and persistence of students of color. He has over 20 years of experience in post-secondary education across student and instructional affairs divisions. Dr. Byrd has worked at mid-sized private institutions, large public universities, state-wide organizations and most recently within community colleges.

Currently, Dr. Byrd is the Chief Diversity Officer, Dean of Institutional Equity Diversity and Inclusion at Foothill College, where he is charged with advancing the college's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Prior to joining Foothill College in 2021, he served in a variety of roles including Dean of Student Equity and Success at West Valley College, Dean of Language Arts and as the Director of EOPS; CalWorks at Mission College.

Additionally, Dr. Byrd has also had the unique opportunity to work at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office as a Graduate Research Fellow, where he gained extensive experiences evaluating Student Equity and Achievement programming, assessing Inmate and Re-Entry Education practices, and launching statewide initiatives focusing on student food and housing security.

Dr. Byrd has a strong commitment to giving back and uplifting others around him, as he is actively involved in ACCCA as a current member of the board supporting the Association's Mentor Program and the Admin 001/002 Professional Development Series. In 2023 Ajani was named ACCCA's *Volunteer of the Year*.

Dr. Byrd has published multiple manuscripts and presented at numerous national conferences utilizing a critical lens towards equity and social justice. Dr. Byrd received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Loyola University Chicago, Master of Arts in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco, and Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from San Francisco State University.



**Kellie Nadler** is a Regional Coordinator for the Rising Scholars Network through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. They partner with college practitioners, formerly incarcerated students, correctional staff, and community organizations throughout the Bay Area, Northern California, and Bakersfield to design and implement supports and programs for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students.

Their areas of specialty include implementing trauma-responsive supports, building resilient statewide networks, expanding college in jail and college in youth detention facility programs, and using human-centered design to place the voices of those most impacted at the center of statewide decision-making processes.

Previously, Kellie was the Deputy Director of Corrections to College, a statewide systems-change initiative, and a non-traditional educator at Eastern Michigan University.