



**September 19, 2025**

[Chabot College](#)  
25555 Hesperian Blvd.  
Hayward, CA 94545

**8:00 am – 8:30 am**

**Breakfast and Mingle**

**8:30 am – 9:15 am**

**Land Acknowledgment, Welcome Remarks & Introductions**

**Dr. Bobby Nakamoto**, Dean, Social Sciences, Chabot College

**Dr. Jamal Cooks**, President, Chabot College

**Dr. Geisce Ly**, President, ACCCA Board of Directors

**9:15 am – 10:30 am**

**Session #1: Career Advancement Tips**

**Dr. Jamal Cooks**, President, Chabot College

The session is an overview of lessons learned as a college president. The presenter will describe the journey to the presidency, share some lessons learned, and provide some insightful suggestions to navigate the academic leadership terrain. The participants will be asked to engage in table dialogues and large group conversations.

**10:30 am – 10:45 am**

**Break**

**10:45 am – 12:00 pm**

**Session #2: How to Ace Your Grant Proposal: Insights for Securing Funding**

**Dr. Natalie Schonfeld**, Dean of Counseling, Coastline College

During this session, we will explore the grant landscape, tips and strategies for writing your grant proposal, and best practices for leveraging your existing grants for future funding opportunities.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Networking Lunch**

**1:00 pm – 2:15 pm**

**Session #3: Budget Confidence for Managers: Navigating Fiscal Responsibilities in California Community Colleges**

**Dr. Sara Parker**, Vice President, Business & Administrative Services, Diablo Valley College

This session is designed to help administrators in California community colleges build confidence and competence in managing their budgets. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the California Community College budget structure and terminology, and cover best practices for budget planning, monitoring, and communication. Through practical

examples and interactive discussion, managers will leave better equipped to collaborate effectively with their teams, advocate for their needs, and make informed fiscal decisions in support of institutional goals.

**2:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Break**

**2:30 pm – 3:45 pm**

**Session #4: Re-Centering in Chaos: Strategies for Self and Team Care  
Self-Care and Team-Care**

**Dr. Sunny Lee**, Associate Vice Chancellor & Dean of Students, UC Berkeley

In times of uncertainty and rapid change, our nervous systems can become overwhelmed as we juggle the stressors of the world around us—personally, professionally, and within our communities. As leaders, we are often expected to provide stability for our teams and the students we serve, even while navigating our own internal challenges. This interactive session offers space to pause, reflect, and re-center. Participants will explore practical strategies to enhance well-being and foster a culture of care within our teams. Leave with tools to support yourself and others with intention, clarity, and compassion in the face of ongoing change.

**3:45 pm – 4:15 pm**

**Closing Remarks and Reflection**