ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS
CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
Community Colleges: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

OCTOBER 13 – 16, 2021
San Diego, California

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The ACCT Leadership Congress is the premier annual conference for community college leaders and the only national conference dedicated to community college trustees.

Each year, approximately 2,000 community and technical college trustees, CEOs and other executives, and federal higher education policy influencers gather to share information about governance best practices, community college advocacy, advancing student success, and more.

Diversity makes our country, our communities, and our colleges stronger.

Community colleges are engines of educational and social equity.

Everyone is welcome at community colleges. No one is shut out.

The 2021 ACCT Leadership Congress will embrace and showcase these values, along with longstanding governance education and other topics that matter to community college leaders.

April 3, 2021 – Opening Registration
July 2, 2021 – Submission deadline

TRACKS
1. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives
   • Submit presentation proposals relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that demonstrate innovation or which have proved to advance these interests at your college.

2. Partnerships and Collaborations
   • Partnerships and collaborations are vital to community and technical colleges’ abilities to adapt, innovate, and fulfill communities’ needs. Submit presentation proposals that showcase effective partnerships, including those that have advanced your college’s institutional resource development or created new business opportunities.

3. Board Basics: How to be an Effective Trustee
   • Governance best practices are fundamental to effective trusteeship. Submit proposals that will help new trustees to understand their roles, responsibilities, and limitations from peer trustees’ perspectives, or propose sessions about more advanced governance topics that will benefit new and experienced trustees alike.

4. New Pathways to Student Success
   • The success of students is paramount to community colleges’ missions. We are seeking presentation proposals from colleges that have identified challenges and effective solutions to barriers to student success. Sessions that demonstrate improved outcomes and explain how they were accomplished as well as special-interest topics will be considered.

5. Proven Solutions to Boost Enrollment
   • Economic downturns typically result in increased enrollments at community and technical colleges; however, over the past year, enrollments at community colleges throughout the country have suffered. We are seeking presentation proposals that showcase proven solutions to boosting enrollment, including new lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic
   • From broad lessons to specific ones, challenging times like the pandemic era can serve as a goldmine for innovation and entrepreneurial thinking, as well as for profound lessons about the value of community and technical colleges to their communities. We are seeking sessions that detail how colleges navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and what they learned from the experiences that can be applied into the future.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
• The presentation must include at least one trustee among the presenters.

• All presenters MUST register for the ACCT Leadership Congress.

• Proposals must include a letter of support from the college.

• All concurrent session presenters must pay $225 for AV equipment (LCD Projector/Screen) if requested.

• Submissions are due July 2.

Submit your presentation proposal at Congress.ACCT.org.

Contact ACCT Director of Educational Events Christina Simons at csimons@acct.org with any questions.