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Partners in Excellence 2021 - Registration is now open!

Dear Colleague,

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges will be hosting its *2021 Virtual Partners in Excellence Symposium: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action* online, free of charge. **Registration is open and available on the [ACCJC Symposium website!](#)**

Partners in Excellence 2021: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action will focus on equity and innovation in higher education accreditation. Please check out the program of events below, which features both national and international speakers who are tackling the issues of racial and social justice in higher education and beyond. Full details are available on the [ACCJC Symposium website](#).

We are looking forward to gathering via Zoom soon!

Kind regards,
ACCJC

Day 1: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT

A Moment for the Moral Imagination: The Crucial Role of Centering Race in Reimagining Community Colleges

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Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Vice President, Instruction, [Skyline College](#)

Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Deputy Chancellor, [California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office](#)



Day 2: Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. PDT

Strengthening Community Colleges' Capacity to Attain Racial Equity in Educational Outcomes - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT



Speaker:

Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon, University Professor and Dean's Professor in Educational Equity, and Founder and Director of the [Center for Urban Education](#), University of Southern California Rossier School of Education

ACCJC Standards Review Update – 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. PDT

Speakers:

Dr. Stephanie Droker, President, ACCJC

Dr. Lori Gaskin, Vice Chair, ACCJC

Dr. Catherine Webb, Vice President, ACCJC

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Day 3: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT

Courageous Conversation – No Better Time Than Now!

Speakers:

Ms. Brooke Gregory, President, [Courageous Conversation](#)

Dr. Matthew Farry, Executive Director, [Courageous Conversation South Pacific Institute](#)



Each session will be facilitated by an ACCJC Commissioner and will provide opportunity for audience questions and answers. The Partners in Excellence Symposium is brought to you by the ACCJC Educational Programming Committee and ACCJC Staff.

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