



November 17-18, 2026
Riverside Convention Center
Riverside, California

Dear Colleagues,

As a reminder, [registration for the 2026 Conference is open](#). The early-bird registration deadline is **this Sunday, August 16th**, register now to take advantage of the reduced rates!

[ACCJC is also seeking proposals for a poster session](#) showcasing measurable outcomes, innovative practices, and cross-functional collaboration that demonstrate how each of our institutions are turning shared vision into student impact. The poster session will take place during the opening reception, providing opportunity for engaging conversation and networking. If your institution has a story of impact grounded in shared vision and driving student success, we invite you to submit a proposal. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, September 25th**.

The [2026 ACCJC Partners in Excellence Conference](#) program is designed to foster meaningful dialogue, shared learning, and actionable insight for colleges navigating an increasingly complex higher education landscape. Grounded in the theme *Shared Vision, Shared Voice: Advancing Student Success Through Inclusive Governance*, the program brings together national leaders, campus practitioners, and institutional stakeholders to explore how alignment, collaboration, and evidence-informed practice strengthen institutional effectiveness and student outcomes. Across **plenary sessions, breakouts, forums, and poster presentations**, participants will engage with timely topics shaping the future of community colleges and higher education systems.



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Please join us November 17–18, 2026, in Riverside, California. Together, we will explore not only how institutions meet standards, but how they rise to meet the moment.

Registration, program, and venue/hotel information is available on the [conference website](#).

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