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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 now open and available on the [ACCJC Symposium website!](http://www.accjc.org)

Partners in Excellence 2021: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action will focus on equity and innovation in higher education accreditation. As our colleges and region continue efforts to address equity gaps for students of color in higher education, we are having difficult conversations about race and how those conversations can lead us to take action – in terms of academic quality standards and ensuring that colleges and peer review teams represent the great diversity of our region. In essence, accreditors and institutions must do more to hold ourselves accountable to dismantle structural racism.

Through the Symposium, ACCJC hopes to provide a forum for higher education leaders on their continued path to educational excellence for all students. The program will feature both national and international speakers who are tackling the issues of racial and social justice in higher education and equity-minded education for all students. An overview of the program is available below, but please check out the [ACCJC Symposium website](http://www.accjc.org) for full details and to register now.

We are looking forward to gathering via Zoom soon!

Kind regards,
ACCJC

Schedule At a Glance



Tuesday, April 20, 2021

- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT
Dr. Elisha Smith Arrillaga, The Education Trust-West

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT
Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon, Center for Urban Education, USC Rossier School of Education
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. PDT
ACCJC Staff and Commissioners providing an update on the ACCJC Standards Review

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. PDT
Ms. Brooke Gregory and Dr. Matthew Farry, Courageous Conversation

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