

Strengthening Student Success Conference 2026 At-a-Glance



Room	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Harbor	Pacific	Salon I	Salon 7/8
Wednesday, October 7, 2026								
8:00 am–5:30 pm	Registration/Check-in, <i>sponsored by College Futures Foundation</i> Grand Ballroom Foyer							
8:00 am–5:30 pm	Black History 101 Mobile Museum and Sponsor & Exhibitor Displays Grand Ballroom EFG							
9:00–10:55 am	Welcome and Keynote Address by Dr. Ashanti Hands Grand Ballroom							
10:55–11:20 am	Coffee Break, <i>sponsored by 4CS, McGraw Hill, National University & Precision Campus</i> Grand Ballroom EFG							
Breakout Session 1 11:25 am–12:25 pm	Reclaiming Value: “Invisible Returns” for Adult Comebackers	Are Students Even Reading? Turn Concern Into a Literacy Movement	Credit by Exam? Yes We Can! (And So Can You!)	From Data to Action: Advancing Black Student Success Through Equity-Centered Practice	The ZTC Blueprint: Turning Data Into Access	Leveraging LBCC’s Data Infrastructure to Strengthen Equitable Planning & Improvement in Student Services	Built By Us, For Us: How Classified Professionals Are Leading Equity Transformation	Aligning Community Engagement & Research: Strategies for Building Relationships & Shared Outcomes Assessments
12:30–1:30 pm	Lunch, <i>sponsored by Motivate Lab, The Puente Project & Umoja Community Education Foundation</i> Grand Ballroom							
Breakout Session 2 1:40–2:40 pm	From Voice to Impact: Insights From a University– College Research–Practice Partnership	From Data to Change: Lessons from Faculty–Institutional Research Partnerships in Writing and Career Education	Reimagining Work-Based Learning: Embedding Career Exploration Into Non-CTE Classrooms	The Joy of STEPping Into College: A High-Impact, Equity-Focused Approach to Welcoming Students Into College	Listening Back: Using Student Voice Data to Close Career Guidance Gaps at Community Colleges	Dual Enrollment for ALL Adult Education Students	Equitable Student Worker Onboarding: Useful Canvas Design and Accessibility Strategies	Designing Metacognitive Activities in Support Classes as Basis of Success for Calculus
2:40–3:05 pm	Coffee & Snack Break, <i>sponsored by 4CS, McGraw Hill, National University & Precision Campus</i> Grand Ballroom EFG							
Breakout Session 3 3:10–4:25 pm	Creating a Student Support Network: Utilizing Campus and Classroom Partnerships for Student Success	Beyond the Cohort: Designing Student Success Ecosystems That Multiply (Peers, Families, Alumni)	Building AI Literacy: A Cross-Departmental Approach	Reclaiming Joy Through Student Voice: Strengthening Student–Research Partnerships	Improvisation: Play as a Tool for Equitable Learning	Access, Belonging, and Leadership: Mentoring Student Peer Educators Into Professional Spaces	From Placement to Pathway: Intentional ESL Orientation and Academic Planning	No Session
4:30–5:30 pm	Connections: Role-Alike Discussions Grand Ballroom							
5:30–6:30 pm	Reception North Pool Patio							
Thursday, October 8, 2026								
7:15–8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet Grand Ballroom							
8:00 am–3:00 pm	Registration/Check-in, <i>sponsored by College Futures Foundation</i> Grand Ballroom Foyer			Sponsor & Exhibitor Displays Grand Ballroom EFG				
8:00–8:20 am	Sponsor Spotlight Session: Breakfast With McGraw Hill Grand Ballroom							
8:30–10:10 am	Morning Plenary and Student Panel Moderated by Dr. Deborah Harrington Grand Ballroom							
10:10–10:35 am	Coffee Break, <i>sponsored by 4CS, McGraw Hill, National University & Precision Campus</i> Grand Ballroom EFG							
Breakout Session 4 10:40–11:55 am	Transforming Math Success: Community of Practice & Standards-Based Grading	Beyond Major Selection: Using Student Voice to Understand Belonging, Barriers, and Supports	Calculus Placement and Beyond: Institutional Practices and Student Experiences in STEM Calculus Statistics in Context: Success for All Through Applied Learning	In Response to Joy: Culturally Responsive Student Supports	Belonging as the Bridge: Connecting Identity, Culture, and Academic Agency Through Umoja	From Insight to Impact: Multi-Year, Cross-Segmental Lessons from a Parenting Student Community of Practice	Adaptive Socratic AI for Equitable Student Success	Reclaiming Joy in an AI Era: A Human-Centered Sandbox for Faculty, Staff, and Equity Practice
12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address by Dr. Shaun Harper, <i>sponsored by Motivate Lab, The Puente Project & Umoja Community Education Foundation</i> Grand Ballroom							
Breakout Session 5 1:45–3:00 pm	Retention Lives in Relationship: Strengthening Student Support at Mendocino College	Supporting Student Motivation in Co-Requisite Math Courses: Lessons From Citrus College and Motivate Lab	Beyond the Brush: Cultivating Student Success Through Collaborative Art and Courageous Care Reclaiming Joy: How Studio Q at Evergreen Valley College Drives LGBTQ+ Student Success and Belonging	Conditions for Completion: How Campus Environments and Intersectionality Shape Success for Students	Listening to Student-Parents: Using Student Voice to Improve College Supports	Keeping Learning Human in an AI Age: High-Impact Practices for Student Engagement	Humanizing Through Action: Centering Students & Building Collective Capacity Through Professional Development	Building a Student Services-Based Case Management Model: Turning Data, Outreach, and Care Into Action
3:00–3:25 pm	Coffee & Snack Break, <i>sponsored by 4CS, McGraw Hill, National University & Precision Campus</i> Grand Ballroom EFG							
3:30–4:30 pm	Closing Plenary: Small Table, Big Ideas Grand Ballroom							
Friday, October 9, 2026								
7:30–8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet & Post-Conference Workshop Check-in Garden Foyer							
Post-Conference Workshops 8:30 am–12:00 pm	Garden 1			Garden 3		Garden 4		
	Keeping Learning Human in an AI Age: High-Impact Practices for Student Engagement			Engaging Students Through Peer-Support Models		SEM Lab: Putting Strategic Enrollment Management Into Practice		