Abstract and Awards

Presentation
About AACC 2024

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) hosts one of the most significant professional development events for community college leaders and providers engaged with the two-year college sector. This event includes high-energy keynote presentations and breakout sessions addressing the sector’s most pressing issues and opportunities, disruptive technology showcases, deep-dive problem-solving work sessions, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

Key audiences: community college CEOs, executives, managers, faculty, trustees, thought leaders, foundation representatives, federal agency representatives, and business and industry partners.
Today’s Presentation will cover

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## Important Deadlines

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<td>September 4</td>
<td>The AACC 2024 website goes live.</td>
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<td>September 5</td>
<td>Call for Abstracts issued. Applications for Outstanding Alumni and Leadership Awards, Distinguished Faculty, and Awards of Excellence are open. Early-bird registration opens.</td>
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<td>October 20</td>
<td>Outstanding Alumni and Leadership Award solicitations close at 5:00 p.m. Eastern</td>
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<td>October 26</td>
<td>Webinar: Review of exhibitor/sponsor prospectus and FAQs</td>
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<td>October 31</td>
<td>Call for Proposals closes at 5:00 p.m. Eastern.</td>
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<td>November 1</td>
<td>Event Registration changes (on-time registration) Exhibitor/Sponsor Form opens.</td>
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<td>November 3 – December 15</td>
<td>Session decisions communicated. Sessions must be accepted/declined as scheduled. Primary contact can modify the speaker list only during this period.</td>
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<td>December 15</td>
<td>Deadline for Awards of Excellence applications.</td>
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<td>December 16</td>
<td>Session purge of all speakers that have not completed their registration.</td>
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Contacts

• The only contacts for the annual meeting are as follows:

  • Questions re: abstracts & awards, slide uploads only – aaccconvention@aacc.nche.edu
  • Questions re: registration only – aacc_registration@goeshow.com or 833-620-4467
  • Exhibits/sponsorships – mward@aacc.nche.edu
Abstract and Awards – FAQs

Q: How many abstracts will AACC accept for inclusion in the 2024 meeting?

A: There are roughly 184 to 200 abstract slots available.

Q: I am considering submitting an abstract for consideration for the 2024 AACC Annual agenda. What is the likelihood of my submission getting accepted?

A: While we are not able to provide you with specifics around the likelihood of an abstract getting accepted, we can tell you that you are more likely to have your abstract accepted if you follow the directions as provided: be clear, be concise, and be innovative. Additionally, consider incorporating information from your response to the question, “Why should attendees care about your topic?” in your actual session description. State the problem in one sentence and describe the solution you’ve produced to address the problem.
Abstracts - FAQ

Q: What are the eligibility requirements for submitting an abstract?

A: The submitter of an abstract must be a member of AACC. Membership includes institutional members, educational associate members, affiliated councils, and corporate partners. Non-members may co-present but cannot be the lead in submitting a proposal(s).

Q: If I submit an abstract, can I change it before the deadline?

A: If you begin the abstract application process, if you don’t complete the submission (hit “submit”), you may go back and change the abstract, up to the proposal deadline on October 31, 2023. Once you submit a proposal, you cannot modify it. Individuals who hit “save and return later” on an abstract submission must log into the Abstract Service Center to hit “submit” by the deadline for the session to be considered for inclusion on the agenda.
Abstracts - FAQs

Q: How many speakers can I include in an abstract submission?

A: Up to 3 presenters; this includes the submitter and two co-presenters.

Q: When will I determine if my abstract was approved or rejected?

A: The deadline for submitting abstracts is October 31, 2023. Once the deadline passes, the abstract review will begin. Accepted abstracts will be scheduled. We anticipate notifications for accepted abstracts will be sent out the first week of December.
Abstracts - FAQs

Q: Can I change the speakers on my abstract after it has been accepted?

A: AACC will send the submitter of each accepted abstract an email that requests that he/she/they accept or reject the abstract as scheduled. During this period, the only modification that can be made to the submission is the speaker list. The edits to the speaker list must be made during the week-long period open for accepting/rejecting proposals. Requests for speaker changes will not be accepted after the deadline.

Q: My abstract was accepted, but I don’t like the time and date that it has been scheduled. What can I do?

A: AACC receives more than 300 abstracts annually. Accepted sessions are randomly placed on the agenda in every available time slot before acceptances are emailed to the submitters. Therefore, the association cannot move sessions once scheduled, as no open time slots are available to accommodate this request.
Abstract Form Questions

Select primary abstract focus area: (Required)

• The Student Experience
• Economic Mobility for All
• Institutional Transformation
• Pipelines and Partnerships
• Emerging Trends and Issues
• Leadership and Professional Development
• Teaching and Learning
Abstract Questions continued

Select the secondary abstract focus for your proposal:
(Required)

The Student Experience
• Analyzing student data
• Academic affairs & student services
• Student self-advocacy strategies
• Basic needs and mental health
• Guided pathways
• Internships and employment

Economic Mobility for All
• Innovative and scalable academic programs
• Innovative and scalable workforce programs
• Tackling DEI and anti-DEI
• Non-credit to credit
• Short-term training models
• Jobs of the future

Institutional Transformation
• Creating an environment of belonging, mattering, purpose, and efficacy
• Technology that enhances
• New operational models
• Addressing the structural imbalance in operations
• Further simplifying pathways
• Supports that trustees can provide to CEOs
• Shared governance

Pipelines and Partnerships
• Dual enrollment
• Transfer
• Workforce
• Student Success
• Recruitment and retention of students
• Safety and security
Abstract Questions continued

Leadership and Professional Development

• Surviving the no-confidence vote (CEO-only)
• Navigating politics and political boards (CEO-only)
• Who is responsible for college morale
• Board development
• Millennial and Gen Z employee needs
• Investing in emerging leaders
• Mentoring and coaching models

Teaching and Learning (faculty-focused sessions)

• Academic freedom and shared governance
• Academic integrity in the age of AI
• Creating a sense of belonging in the classroom
• Faculty professional development and preparation for new roles
• Guided pathways reform
• Supporting adjunct faculty

• Teaching strategies and supports that lead to equitable student outcomes
• Utilizing digital tools and apps for instruction
Abstract Questions continued

Session Title (66-character limit): (Required)

Session Description (85-word count): (Required)

Why should the audience care about the topic that you’re presenting (85-word count)? (Required)

What aids/tools will you use to get and keep audience engagement in your presentation? (Select all that apply – This information will be included in the program booklet.) (Required)

- Lecture
- PowerPoint
- Polling/Engagement Software
- Infographics
- AI/Simulator
- Case study
- Hands-on activity

Select the equipment you need for the presentation. (Do not select items that you are unsure of needing so that cost is not incurred for equipment that isn’t used). (Required) Note: AACC does not furnish laptops in meeting rooms. If you require flip charts and markers those must be ordered directly from the convention center.

- Internet
- Audio
- I only need the LCD projector/screen provided
Abstract Questions & Certification

• Adding Speakers
  • The submitter is the primary speaker
  • Only two additional speakers can be added for a total of three

Certification

As a primary speaker, I take full responsibility for notifying my co-speaker(s) that I have included him/her/them in this abstract submission. Further, I understand that all panelists must register for the convention through the Speaker Service Center by purchasing a complete base registration. If all panelists are not registered by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on December 16, they will be removed from the agenda.

Once you have submitted your abstract, it cannot be edited and AACC cannot provide you with a copy of the submission. The deadline to submit proposals for consideration for the 2024 program is October 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (ET).
Awards - FAQs

Q: My college is interested in applying for consideration for the Awards of Excellence (AOE). Are there specific criteria for applying?

A: Any college applying for an AOE must be a member in good standing. If the college has previously been selected as a winner in a category, the college must wait five years before reapplying in the same category. Colleges that have been finalists can resubmit applications for consideration in subsequent years but must refine and resubmit the application.

Q: What about the Leadership and Outstanding Alumni Awards?

A: These two awards are on a different submission cycle than the AOE as the Board of Directors must select the Outstanding Alumni honorees and ratify the Leadership Award recipients at the November meeting of the Board Committee on Community College Advancement.
Awards - FAQs

Q: What are the criteria for submission for the Outstanding Alumni?

A: Nominations are encouraged from AACC member colleges for alumni who attended a community college for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours, have a compelling story, and are recognized for their professional achievements and have given back to the college and/or community.

Q: Can anyone be recommended for the Leadership Award?

A: No. You must be a member institution to apply for consideration. The nominee must be a retired CEO. The Leadership Award is presented to individuals whose accomplishments and professional contributions to the community college field have been outstanding.
Awards of Excellence

• Read the criteria for each award you’re applying for in full.

• Develop concise responses to each application question, but provide enough information (i.e., data, outcomes) to show the college’s accomplishments.
  • Do not use any institutional identifiers in your responses. The college should only be referenced under applicant information. Because this is a blind review, no reference to the institution should be included in application responses.
  • No PDF photos. Please provide high-resolution 300 dpi photos per the upload request.