



VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

February | 8 - 10 | 2021



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Monday, February 8, 2021

10:30AM - 11:45AM EST

Opening General Session:

Welcome to the 2021 Community College National Legislative Summit

Welcome Remarks by David Mathis, Chair of the Association of Community College Trustees

Keynote Speaker: Amy Walter, National Editor of the Cool Political Report and Host of WNYC's The Takeaway Fridays.

Amy Walter is widely regarded as one of the best political journalists covering Washington. During this session, she will offer insights into issues, trends, and events that will shape the 2021 political landscape.

12:00PM -1:00PM EST

General Session:

A Look at the New Lay of the Land on Capitol Hill and its Impact on Higher Education

During this session, panelists will outline the makeup of the 117th Congress and discuss the impact of the current political landscape on policies related to higher education.

1:15PM - 2:45PM EST

General Session:

Overview of the 2021 Community College Priorities

- **Speakers:**
 - Jee Hang Lee, Facilitator, ACCT, Senior Vice President
 - David Baime, AACC, Senior Vice President for Government Relations & Policy Analysis
 - Jim Hermes, AACC, Associate Vice President, Government Relations
 - Katie Brown, ACCT, Director of Government Relations
 - Jose Miranda, ACCT, Senior Government Relations Associate

Every year, ACCT and AACC come together to release federal legislative priorities for community colleges. During this session, speakers will provide an overview of the 2021 priorities to help community college leaders prepare for advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill.

3:00PM - 3:45PM EST

**Policy Focus Session:
Federal Stimulus Funding for Colleges and Students**

The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on community colleges and their students. During this session, panelists will discuss federal pandemic-relief efforts and the potential for additional relief and recovery measures in the 117th Congress.

4:00PM - 4:45PM EST

**Policy Focus Session:
A Path Forward for College Promise Programs**

This session will focus on federal, state, and local initiatives aimed at providing two years of tuition-free community college to all students.

5:00PM- 5:45PM EST

**Policy Focus Session:
The Role of Education and Training in a Federal Infrastructure Package**

This session will feature a discussion on the potential for a federal infrastructure package and the important role community colleges play in building a skilled workforce.

6:00PM - 7:00PM EST

Networking Reception

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

10:30AM - 11:30AM EST

**General Session:
Higher Education and the Future of Our Economy**

During this session, experts will discuss the current state of our nation's economy and how postsecondary education ties into future economic success.

11:45AM - 12:45PM EST

General Session: Perspectives from the Administration

Hear from members of the Administration as they provide insights into their priorities for community colleges.

1:15PM - 2:15PM EST

**General Session:
Speakers from Capitol Hill**

This session will feature Representatives and Senators from the 117th Congress who will discuss policy priorities related to higher education and the workforce.

2:45PM - 3:45PM EST

**Policy Focus Session:
Connecting Basic Needs Services with Workforce Education and Training**

During this session, panelists will discuss the significance of basic needs services for postsecondary students and the importance of embedding these services into education and training programs. Panelists will also introduce ACCT's new SNAP Employment and Training National Partnerships grant initiative.

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**General Session:
Speakers from Capitol Hill**

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5:30PM - 6:30PM EST

Networking Reception

Wednesday, February 10

10:30AM - 11:30AM EST

**Policy Focus Session:
Strengthening Rural Community Colleges**

During this session, panelists will discuss rural community colleges' successes and challenges and outline policy solutions that can help support these institutions and their communities.

11:45AM - 12:45PM EST

**General Session:
Speakers from Capitol Hill**

This session will feature Representatives and Senators from the 117th Congress who will discuss policy priorities related to higher education and the workforce.

1:00PM - 2:00PM EST

Closing Session