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WELCOME MESSAGE



“ THE STRENGTH OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ABILITY OF THE MEMBERS TO COME TOGETHER TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AND ACT COLLECTIVELY ON ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING CENTRAL VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENTS. ”

Welcome to the 2017 Central Valley Higher Education Policy and Legislative Summit. This year's Summit brings together our higher education leaders from Central Valley colleges and universities along with our philanthropic, legislative, and state and national policy partners. Also joining us are friends and advocates from throughout the Central Valley invested in creating an environment for students to succeed and complete their education in a timely manner.

The Summit will continue the bold strategic direction the Consortium began last year. We remain focused on enhancing student success efforts across the Central Valley. Our panelists promise to introduce you to practices and initiatives taking place nationally, statewide and locally that are designed to provide greater access to more students, improve the completion rate and reduce time to degree.

The strength of the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium has always been the ability of the members to come together to speak with one voice and act collectively on issues and challenges facing Central Valley college students. As Consortium colleges and universities work collaboratively to scale up the initiatives and best practices discussed today, we invite our partners and friends to join with CVHEC members to positively impact the educational and social well-being of students in the Central Valley.

Thank you for joining us at this Summit and for your commitment to students in the Central Valley. Together, we can pave the way for a brighter future!


Sincerely,

Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D., M.P.P.

**President, CSU, Fresno
CVHEC Board Chair**

TODAY'S AGENDA

Higher Education Legislation and Policy Summit

7:30 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	Registration and Breakfast
8:15 A.M.	Welcome
8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	 Keynote Conversation What is Going on? Why Now? A conversation with State and National Leaders
9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	What on Earth is Going on in the Central Valley? A Conversation with CVHEC Leaders
10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	BREAK
10:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	A Conversation with California Legislators on Higher Education
11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Policy Partners a Conversation on Higher Education Research
12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.	LUNCH A Conversation on DACA and Immigration Reform
12:30 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Hearing from our Friends in Sacramento
1:15 P.M.	WRAP UP

AGENDA REVIEW



Dr. Benjamin T. Duran
Executive Director, Central Valley
Higher Education Consortium

Dr. Benjamin T. Duran has served as the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) executive director since May 2016. A community college leader, teacher and former president of Merced Community College in California. He retired as superintendent/president of the Merced Community College District after serving 22 years in the district with the last 14 years as the CEO.

WELCOME



Dr. Joseph I. Castro
President, California State University, Fresno
CVHEC Board Chair

Dr. Joseph I. Castro was appointed as the eighth president of CSU, Fresno in 2013. He is the first Central Valley native to serve in this leadership position. Prior to his CSU, Fresno appointment, he served as Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Affairs, and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California San Francisco. He completed his undergrad studies and Master of Public Policy from the University of California Berkeley. He earned his Ph.D. in higher education policy and leadership from Stanford University.

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Keynote Conversation

WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY NOW? A CONVERSATION WITH STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.



Eloy Ortiz Oakley

Chancellor, California Community Colleges

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley strongly believes that California's emerging economies demand a workforce with quality credentials and that the state's 114 community colleges play a pivotal role in moving California forward. Oakley himself is a community college success story. After serving four years in the U.S. Army, he enrolled at Golden West College. He then transferred to the University of California, Irvine where completed his undergrad and earned his Master of Business Administration.



Dr. Uri Treisman

Executive Director, Charles A. Dana Center
University of Texas, Austin

Uri Treisman, a recognized advocate for change among postsecondary leaders nationwide, he chairs the Campaign and Expert Advisory Board. Uri is professor of mathematics and of public affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. He is the founder and executive director of the University's Charles A. Dana Center, an organized research unit of the College of Natural Sciences.



Kristen Soares

President, Association of Independent California
Colleges and Universities

Ms. Kristen Soares represents the chief executives of California's 75+ private nonprofit colleges and universities. She currently chairs the California Education Round Table, California Intersegmental Coordinating Council Executive Committee, and The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities State Executive Committee. Kristen completed her undergraduate work at University of Southern California.

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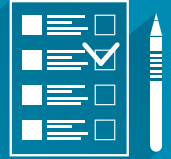


Dr. Joseph I. Castro

President, California State University, Fresno
CVHEC Board Chair

The latest national ranking of the top universities in the United States shows Fresno State's approach to student success is again among the nation's best at combining academic excellence with economic opportunity. Washington Monthly, a D.C.-based magazine known for its annual rankings of American colleges and universities, announced in September 2017 that Fresno State placed No. 17 on its list of the top national universities, moving up eight spots from last year.

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WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY? - A CONVERSATION WITH CVHEC LEADERS GUIDED PATHWAYS, COREQUISITE & MATH PATHWAYS, 15 TO FINISH, CENTRAL VALLEY PROMISE

9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.



Dr. Sandra Caldwell

President, Reedley College
CVHEC Executive Committee Member

Dr. Sandra Caldwell was appointed Reedley College president in 2013. The college is comprised of the main campus in Reedley and two centers in Madera and Oakhurst. Under her leadership the college achieved the goals of the 2013-17 strategic plan, developed the 2017-2021 strategic plan, and developed Vision 2025 which set the foundation for the new educational master plan.

10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. BREAK



Dr. Jill Stearns

President, Modesto Junior College

Dr. Jill Stearns was previously Vice President of Educational Services and served as Chief Instructional Officer at West Hills College in Coalinga. Prior to her roles in the community college system, Dr. Stearns had an extensive track record in business for nearly 15 years. She was the President and CEO of J. Stearns, Inc. (Coyote Chevron) and General Manager of Pecks.



Chris Vitelli

President, Merced College

Prior to his appointment as Merced College Superintendent/President, Chris Vitelli has served more than 12 years in college management. As a first-generation college graduate, he completed his undergraduate work at University of Florida, a Master of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University, and he is currently working toward a doctorate degree at Arizona State University.

FACILITATED BY



Dr. Bernell Hirning

Interim Associate Vice President – Northern Region and
Associate Regional Dean – Fresno, Bakersfield, and Porterville
College National University
CVHEC Executive Committee Member

Dr. Bernell Hirning was born in Mott, North Dakota. He completed undergraduate studies at Williston State College and Minot State University. After teaching and coaching basketball for seven years at Turtle Lake-Mercer High School in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Dr. Hirning earned his Master's in Management at Mayville State. In 2007, he earned his Ph.D. in Organization & Management.

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A CONVERSATION WITH CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS ON HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM

10:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.



Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula

**31st Assembly District
Assembly Higher Education Committee Member**

Dr. Joaquin Arambula was elected to California's 31st Assembly District in April 2016. He serves as Medical Director at Adventist Hospital in Selma. Dr. Arambula and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Fresno with their three daughters.



Assemblymember Devon Mathis

26th Assembly District

Assemblymember Devon Mathis served his country for 10 years as a Sergeant in the Army National Guard, including two tours in Iraq. During his second tour in Iraq, Devon was severely injured in a roadside bomb attack, for which he was awarded a Purple Heart. Assemblymember Mathis completed his undergrad work at Porterville College and CSU, Fresno.

FACILITATED BY



Dr. Ellen Junn

President, California State University, Stanislaus

For the past 31 years, Dr. Ellen N. Junn has served in teaching and leadership positions at five California State University campuses. She completed her undergrad work at University of Michigan, where she graduated cum laude. She earned both a master's and Ph.D. in cognitive and developmental psychology from Princeton University. In addition, she holds a Management Development Program Certificate from Harvard University, and a CSU-Knight Collaborative Program Certificate from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Institute for Research in Higher Education.

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POLICY PARTNERS – HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.



Dr. Shawn Whalen

Senior Program Officer
College Futures Foundation

Dr. Whalen serves a lead role in strategy development, planning, and oversight of the College Futures Foundation's grants related to higher education attainment. Dr. Whalen completed his undergraduate work at San Diego State University and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Utah.



Dr. Hans Johnson

Senior Fellow and Director, Higher Education
Center Public Policy Institute of California

As Higher Education Center director, Dr. Hans Johnson works with a team of researchers to identify policies that can make higher education policy more successful and sustainable. He earned his master's degree in biostatistics and holds a Ph.D. in demography from the University of California, Berkeley.



Jessie Ryan

Executive Vice President
Campaign for College Opportunity

Ms. Jessie Ryan leads Campaign for College Opportunity's advocacy and policy efforts to increase the number of California students accessing higher education. Ms. Ryan completed her undergraduate work at Sacramento City College and San Francisco State University. She earned her Master's degree from Saint Mary's College of California.



Sarah Ancel

Vice President of Strategy: The Alliance and
Policy Complete College America

Ms. Sarah Ancel focuses on state and institutional policy and has responsibility for the CCA Alliance, coordinating its 42 Complete College Alliance Teams. Ms. Ancel completed her undergrad work from Indiana University Bloomington, and earned her master's in Economics from Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis.

FACILITATED BY



Jill Board

President, Cerro Coso College

Ms. Jill Board became Cerro Coso Community College's eighth president in 2010. Prior, she served Cerro Coso Community College for 20 years in various leadership roles. Ms. Board's undergraduate studies were completed at Pacific Lutheran University. She holds a Master's degree in Counselor Education from CSU, San Bernardino.



LUNCH

CONVERSATION ON DACA AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.



Congressman Jim Costa

16th District

Congressman Jim Costa was sworn in as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing California's 16th Congressional District in January 2005. Raised on a dairy farm in Fresno's Kearney Park area, Congressman Costa is a third-generation family farmer. Congressman Costa completed his undergrad work from CSU, Fresno. Before election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Costa served for 24 years in the California State Legislature.

FACILITATED BY



Dr. Carole Goldsmith

President, Fresno City College

Dr. Carole Goldsmith is an accomplished educational leader with over 20 years of leadership experience. Prior to serving as President of Fresno City College, Dr. Goldsmith served as President of West Hills College Coalinga. She began her career of service as a K-12 teacher at a small rural school, then as an administrator at an adult school and at a private post-secondary college. Dr. Goldsmith still visits the classroom as a university adjunct professor. She earned her Doctorate of Education from the Joint Doctorate Program offered by California State University, Fresno and University of California, Davis.

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HEARING FROM OUR FRIENDS IN SACRAMENTO - A CONVERSATION WITH OUR STATE AGENCY PARTNERS

12:30 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.



Lark Park

Senior Advisor for Policy, Office of the
Governor and Regent, University of California

Ms. Lark Park has expertise in policy work in higher education, workforce and early learning issues. She has previous experience serving the White House. Ms. Park was appointed as a Regent in June 2017 by Governor Brown to a term expiring in 2029. She completed her undergrad studies at University of California, Berkeley. She has a Master of Arts degree in English from Georgetown University.



Judy Heiman

Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst for California
Community Colleges Legislative Analyst's Office

Ms. Judy Heiman provides analysis and recommendations to the state legislature on postsecondary education issues. Judy has an undergraduate degree from Brandeis University and an MBA from UC Berkeley. She is an Associate of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.



Christian Osmeña

Principal Program Budget Analyst, California
Department of Finance

Mr. Christian Osmeña is a legislative analyst focusing on various education programs. Previously, he served in the office of the California Governor. He completed his undergraduate studies at University of California, Berkeley, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in education at the University of California, Davis.

FACILITATED BY



Dr. Stu Van Horn

Chancellor, West Hills Community College District
CVHEC Executive Committee Member

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor of the West Hills Community College District, Dr. Stu Van Horn served the District as Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Workforce Development and as interim President of West Hills College Coalinga. Dr. Van Horn completed his undergrad studies from Orange Coast College and University of Great Falls. He received his Master's in Educational Administration and his doctorate in Educational Leadership.

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CVHEC HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AND POLICY SUMMIT WRAP UP

1:15 P.M.



Dr. Kathy Hart

President, San Joaquin Delta College
CVHEC Executive Committee

Dr. Kathy Hart began her career at San Joaquin Delta College in 1994 where she served in a variety of leadership roles. She was appointed as Superintendent/President in 2012. She completed her undergraduate studies at Purdue University, obtained a Master of Arts degree in English from Bowling Green State University and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from University of Michigan.

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