



29th Annual Community Colleges of Appalachia Conference
Community Colleges of Appalachia: Changing the Landscape of Appalachia
June 5 – 7, 2022
Doubletree Inn and Suites, Asheville NC

Sunday, June 5, 2022

1:30pm – 4:30pm	Registration	Hotel Lobby
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Board Meeting	
4:45pm – 5:45pm	Conference Convenes	Welcome and Conference Overview by Dr. Kevin Boys, CCA Board Chair Get Acquainted Reception (sponsored by FESTO)
6:00pm	Dinner on your own	
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Board Dinner	Private Event for Board Members (Sponsored by Lincoln Electric)

Monday, June 6, 2022

7:30—9:00 AM	Registration	
8:00—8:40 AM	Opening Breakfast Session	Sponsored by JFF
8:40—8:50 AM	Break	
8:50—9:25 AM	General Session 1 “Perspectives from Washington”	Representatives from Appalachian Regional Commission and American Association of Community Colleges
9:25—9:35 AM	Break	
9:35—10:10 AM	General Session 2	<i>“Developing a Rural Educator Academy”</i>
10:10—10:20 AM	Break	
10:20—10:55 AM	Session 3	<i>“The Effects of Previous Traumatic Experiences on Learning Outcomes: Perceptions of Black Men Who Are Attending Community College”</i> <i>Dr. William Seymour, President, Cleveland State Community College</i>

		<i>Willie Thomas, Assistant to the President for Equity and Inclusion, Cleveland State Community College</i>
10:55—11:05 AM	Break	
11:05—11:40 AM	Concurrent Session 4	<i>“Learning to Fail – How Building R2-D2 Made Me a Better Instructor”</i> <i>Dr. Joshua Montgomery, Computer Science Professor, Southern State Community College</i>
	Concurrent Session 5	<i>“Navigating College Without a Compass: Lessons Learned Transitioning to a Hybrid Advising Model”</i> <i>Meredith Carpenter, Director of Navigating College/Business Faculty, Haywood Community College</i> <i>Wendy Hines, Vice-President of Instruction, Haywood Community College</i> <i>Dr. Michael Coleman, Vice-President of Student Services, Haywood Community College</i>
11:40—11:50 AM	Break	
11:50 AM—12:25 PM	Concurrent Session 6	<i>“Reaching for the Summit: Accelerating Degree Completion and Increasing Persistence”</i> <i>Chad Crumbaker, J.D., Provost, Executive Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs, West Virginia University at Parkersburg</i> <i>Jennifer Forster, Executive Director, Success Epicenter, West Virginia University at Parkersburg</i>
	Concurrent Session 7	<i>“Transforming Mountain Maryland: Innovative Solutions Through Western Maryland Works”</i> <i>Dr. Cynthia Bambara, President, Allegany College of Maryland</i> <i>Rebecca Ruppert, Director, Career and Employer Solutions, Allegany College of Maryland</i>
12:25—12:30 PM	Break	
12:30—1:40 PM	Keynote Luncheon	Sponsored by East Tennessee State
1:40—1:50 PM	Break	
1:50—2:25 PM	Concurrent Session 8	<i>“Value Driven Partnerships: Delivering Innovative Workforce Solutions for Short-Term and Long-Term Value”</i> <i>Dr. Galen DeHay, President, Tri-County Technical College</i> <i>Grayson A. Kelly, Vice-President, Institutional Advancement and Business Relations, Tri-County Technical College</i>
	Concurrent Session 9	<i>“Educating Incarcerated Adults: Student Engagement at Ingram State Technical College”</i> <i>Annette Funderburk, President, Ingram State Technical College</i>

		<p><i>Frankie Santos Laanan, Associate Dean for Faculty and Student Affairs and Professor, University of Utah</i></p> <p><i>Lee Williams Weldon, Executive Director of Colleges and Schools, University of Alabama</i></p>
2:25—2:35 PM	Break	
2:35—3:10 PM	Concurrent Session 10	<p><i>“A Monumental Task: Rebranding a Sixty-Year-Old College”</i></p> <p><i>Dr. John Rainone, President, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College</i></p>
	Concurrent Session 11	<p><i>“Level Up Your Student Life: How to Launch a Successful Esports Club on Your Campus”</i></p> <p><i>James McDougale, Associate Vice-President for Student Engagement/Dean of Students, BridgeValley Community and Technical College</i></p> <p><i>Sara Price, Coordinator of Student Engagement, BridgeValley Community and Technical College</i></p>
3:10—3:45 PM	Break, Afternoon Snack / Visit Vendors	Sponsored by 25th Hour Communications
3:45—4:20 PM	Concurrent Session 12	<p><i>“A Collaborative Approach: When Industry and Education Work Together”</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Joel Welch, President, Western Piedmont Community College</i></p> <p><i>Rick Furse, Dean, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Western Piedmont Community College</i></p>
	Concurrent Session 13	<p><i>“Partnerships That Lead to Job Placement”</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie Benson, Vice-President for Adult Education and Institutional Effectiveness, Athens Technical College</i></p>
5:15—6:00 PM	Reception	Sponsored by EdAmerica
6:15 PM	Dinner on your own	
6:30—8:30 PM	Private Dinner for CCA Board	Sponsored by Emsi/Burning Glass

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

8:00am – 9:25AM	Awards Breakfast	Sponsored by Ferilli
9:25—9:35 AM	Break	
9:35—10:10 AM	Concurrent Session 14	<p><i>“Student Engagement in the Era of COVID”</i></p> <p><i>Brandie L. Davis, Instructor of English/Pending Assistant Professor of English 2022, Big Sandy Community and Technical College</i></p> <p><i>Joshua Thacker, Associate Professor of Sociology and Mathematics, Big Sandy Community and Technical College</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Mary Ruth Wallen, Professor of English, Big Sandy Community and Technical College</i></p>
	Concurrent Session 15	<p>Session Date / Time: June 7, 2022 / 9:35-10:10 a.m. <i>Location TBD</i></p> <p>Concurrent Session: <i>“Access to the Fashion Industry Through Education and Entrepreneurship in Appalachia”</i></p> <p><i>Coral Wedel, Program Manager of Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising, Hocking College</i></p> <p><i>Ryan Rieder, Dean of Arts, Business and Sciences, Hocking College</i></p>
10:10—10:20 AM	Break	
10:20—10:55 AM	Concurrent Session 16	<p><i>“Making Cross-Departmental Collaboration Work: Improving Connections Between Student Support Services”</i></p> <p><i>Alan Unsworth, Department Chair, Student and Instructional Support Services, Surry Community College</i></p> <p><i>Melissa Recknor, Director of Advising and Student Success, Surry Community College</i></p>
	Concurrent Session 17	<p>Concurrent Session: <i>“Community Collaboration to Expand the Healthcare Workforce”</i></p> <p><i>Jeanne Eschbach, Executive Director, Workforce Education and Academic Pathways, SUNY Corning Community College</i></p>
10:55—11:05 AM	Conference Concludes	