2026 ACCJC Partners in Excellence Conference Breakout Sessions

1A. ***Improving Student Employability and ROI Inside and Outside of the Classroom***
Join Niesha Taylor, Director of Career Readiness at the National Association of Colleges and Employers, to learn how faculty and staff can close the gap between what employers expect and what students can demonstrate. This interactive session will equip you with practical strategies to embed career-ready competencies into any course, helping every classroom become a launchpad for student employability.

1B. ***From Friction to Forward Motion: Using Data Coaching and Communities of Practice to Drive Change***
When institutional challenges stall at discussion, momentum is lost. Drawing on experiences from Golden West College and Santa Monica College, this session shows how data coaching and communities of practice can turn friction into forward motion—aligning stakeholders, strengthening trust, and translating collective inquiry into measurable gains in student success.

1C. ***Planning for the Long-term in the Midst of Chaos***
When everything feels urgent, how do leaders make space for the future? This session goes beyond theory, offering real leadership moves for balancing pressure, purpose, and long-term impact. Explore how community college leaders are creating focus, stability, and forward momentum in the midst of constant change.

1D. ***Modernizing Articulation with Responsible AI: What's Working, What We're Learning, What's Next***
Not your typical transfer session. This is where AI meets real institutional impact. See how AI Transfer and Articulation Infrastructure Network is cutting through inefficiency, elevating decision-making, and turning data into action.

2A. ***Advancing Student Success through Innovative Industry Partnerships***
Where workforce meets opportunity! Explore how two colleges are partnering with industry to align training with demand, strengthen career pathways, and elevate student success.

2B. ***Beyond the Dashboard: Cultivating a Campus-Wide Data Culture***
Where insight meets action, because action closes gaps. Moving beyond surface-level data takes more than dashboards, it takes culture. See how two colleges use data to drive decisions, target interventions, and close achievement gaps and leave with practical strategies to build transparency, engage thought-partners, and turn insight into measurable student success.

2C. ***Dual Enrollment: Maintaining Quality, Increasing Success, and Ensuring Growth***
Where early access meets long-term success. Discover how two colleges are transforming dual enrollment into a powerful pathway through intentional design, strong partnerships, and aligned student support.

2D. ***RSI: Beyond Compliance. Feedback that Grows Community Engagement and Student Success***
This isn't RSI as compliance; it's RSI as strategy. See how Mt. San Antonio College is reshaping online learning through intentional connection, consistent outreach, and real results. Through engaged, community-wide action, Mt. SAC turned RSI into a powerful driver of student success online. Walk away with strategies that elevate engagement and actually move outcomes.

3A. ***Fostering a Sense of Belonging that Transforms the Student Experience and Ensures Success***
Excellence isn't accidental. See how Moorpark College consistently delivers on equity, access, and student success, setting the standard as a two-time Aspen Prize finalist, and what's possible when these commitments truly align.

3B. ***From Plans to Payoff: Turning Institutional Planning into Measurable Student Value***
What happens when planning is intentional, aligned, and consistently applied? College presenters will share how integrated planning structures can drive measurable gains in student employment outcomes, return on investment, and institutional effectiveness.

3C. ***From Classroom to Career: Integrating AI into Teaching and Student Preparation***
AI is changing the rules, inside and beyond the classroom. See how faculty are integrating AI into instruction to build real-world skills, support responsible use, and better connect learning to career pathways.

3D. ***Applied Bachelor's Degrees: Accelerating Student Time to Completion and Increasing ROI***
Not just a success story. This is a blueprint for doing it right. Explore how Yavapai College balanced innovation with responsibility to deliver for both a faster option to a living wage for students and the skills needed to support stakeholder success.