

Get Ready to Celebrate 20 Years!

When we next have our annual advisory board meeting, CCCSE will have just launched its 20-year anniversary celebration. As part of honoring this milestone, we have been conducting interviews with many of the key players who helped foster CCCSE's early growth and success—including some of you! The festivities will kick off in early September with a featured article in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* as well as with a new special section of the CCCSE website. This web component will be the home of many fun retrospective and interactive elements, and we will add to it incrementally throughout the year-long celebration. Expect the following:

- » Timeline chronicling moments that were seminal to the evolution of the organization
- » Video reel highlighting the major themes gleaned from two decades of focus group work
- » Interview footage with CCCSE leaders and friends reflecting on its history and importance
- » Map with hyperlapse animation to show the geographic growth of the survey projects
- » Graphic displaying a “by the numbers” snapshot representing CCCSE's overall impact

Coinciding with all of this, we will unveil our updated mission statement and new logo.

Meeting Reminder

**September 23, 2021
2:00–4:00 p.m. CT
via Zoom**

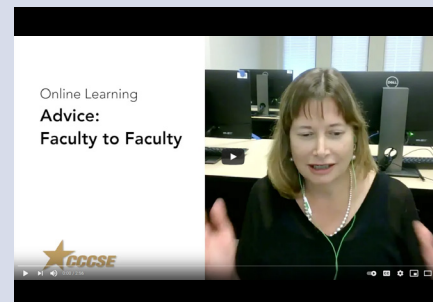
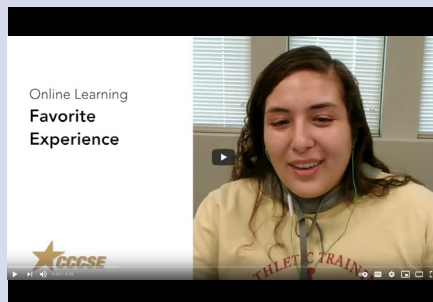
**Check your calendar
to ensure you received
the invitation to hold
the date and time.**

A Zoom link and more info will be sent in early September.

Please email benchouia@cccse.org for assistance.

Online Teaching and Learning Virtual Focus Groups

In the early spring, New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) turned to CCCSE to conduct focus groups with students and faculty via Zoom to investigate how well remote learning was working at the college. As part of the project, CCCSE will also submit a report to the college summarizing the findings. In the video clips linked below, NMJC students share experiences from their online courses and college faculty give advice for transitioning to teaching in a virtual learning environment.



Visit our [YouTube](#) channel to see more video clips from the focus group project with NMJC—they are featured at the top.

UPDATE:

Race/ Ethnicity Pilot Survey

Last year, in collaboration with a special advisory committee, CCCSE created a stand-alone online survey designed to help colleges understand their students' experiences with racism, inclusion, and belonging. It is our hope that college leaders will use the resulting data to have conversations with their faculty and staff about how racial barriers impact community college students and the campus experience.

To give you an update, this spring, **110 colleges across 35 states** participated in the [Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey](#) free of charge, alongside their CCSSE 2021 administration. Twenty-nine colleges added the free, correlated items to the faculty survey.

Presentations & Meetings

Below is a list of all virtual attendances and presentations by CCCSE staff during the past few months.

April 2021

- » Texas Pathways Round Two Institute #3
- » AACC Commission on Structured Pathways – *The Impact of COVID-19 on Entering Students in Community Colleges*
- » Iowa State University Leadership Initiative for a New Century Webinar – *The Importance of Understanding Student Success*
- » APCA National Virtual Conference – *Maximizing the Relationship Between an Academic Mindset and Student Success*
- » California Community College System Financial Literacy Webinar – *The Intersection of Work and Learning*

May 2021

- » Education and Civil Rights for the New Decade Virtual Conference – *Aspirations to Completion: Understanding the Student Experience to Improve Equitable Outcomes*
- » Strada Webinar – *Back to Class: Will Pandemic-Disrupted Learners Return to School?*
- » Rockland Community College Commencement Address

June 2021

- » Aspen Institute and National Center for Inquiry & Improvement National Symposium
- » Student Financial Aid Research Network Virtual Conference – *The Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic on College Students*
- » Student Financial Aid Research Network Virtual Conference – *Strategies for Improving Online Survey Response Rates*
- » Kansas Association of Community College Trustees Webinar
- » West Virginia Board of Governors Summit – *The Student Experience: The Importance of Understanding It*
- » New Jersey City University Annual Community College Showcase – *A-HA! Moments About Student Engagement*

Featured Articles

- » [“What Community College Students Tell Us About Transfer”](#)
by Linda L. García and Courtney Adkins in *Inside Higher Ed Blog*, June 17, 2021
- » [“Roueche Center Forum: Involving All Faculty in the Guided Pathways Work is Key”](#)
by Linda L. García, Courtney Adkins, and Coral Noonan-Terry in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, May 11, 2021
- » [“The Importance of Fostering a Sense of Belonging in Attracting and Retaining Community College Students”](#)
by Linda L. García and Courtney Adkins in *Perspectives: Community College Leadership for the 21st Century*, April 2021
- » [“Why the Work of Guided Pathways Is Valuable for Students”](#)
by Linda L. García and Courtney Adkins in *The EvoLLLution*, March 25, 2021

See all [Featured Articles](#).

CCCSE in the News

- » [“Pandemic Pivot: How COVID-19 Changed Medical Assisting Program Curricula”](#)
in *CMA Today*, May/June 2021
- » [“Community college: How education’s ‘best-kept secret’ stays afloat”](#)
in *The Christian Science Monitor*, April 6, 2021

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