

Recap of CCCSE Staff Changes



Dr. Bohlig



Dr. Betsinger

As we shared with you not long ago, CCCSE has announced the upcoming retirement of longtime CCCSE leader **Dr. Mike Bohlig**. Taking the helm of research this summer is **Dr. Alicia Betsinger**, who was part of the team at its start over 20 years ago. If you did not get a chance to do so earlier,

please visit our [announcement page](#) that goes into more detail about this important transition.



Dr. Garza

Another addition to the CCCSE team this summer is **Dr. Marisol Garza**. In her new role as program manager for institutional engagement and capacity building, she will lead CCCSE's efforts to develop engaging content, tools, and trainings that guide community college practitioners on using student engagement data to accelerate student success. [Dr. Garza](#) was previously a graduate research assistant at CCCSE and more recently worked at Trellis Strategies.

Annual Meeting

**November 7 & 8,
2024**

**AT&T Hotel &
Conference Center
Austin, Texas**

**If you can attend, please
ensure that the meeting
invitation is on your
calendar.**

**Contact Amina
(benchouia@cccse.org)
with logistics questions.**

Call for Proposals Open for *NDCC-CCCSE* Special Issue

Three leaders at CCCSE—Dr. Courtney Adkins, Dr. Linda García, and Dr. Mike Bohlig—are serving as guest editors of a special issue of *New Directions for Community Colleges* (*NDCC*). Articles should examine the student experience through the lens of data captured by CCCSE survey instruments. Submissions are welcome from researchers, faculty, and graduate students from across the two- and four-year sectors. Abstracts are due by August 15, 2024, with full manuscripts due by February 1, 2025. The volume is expected to be published in late 2025.

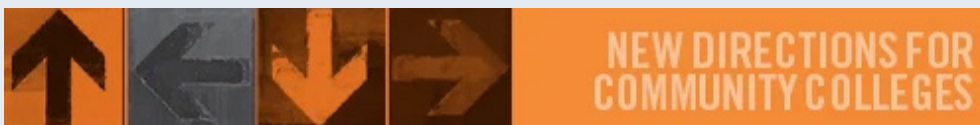
As a quarterly journal with over a 50-year publication history, *NDCC* presents the latest developments and emerging issues in community college education. CCCSE is grateful to partner with the publication and its new Editor-in-Chief, **Dr. Pamela Eddy**, who will attend this year's National Advisory Board meeting as a guest contributor.

More information about this call for articles is available on the [CCCSE website](#).



Dr. Eddy

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Additional Collaborations



[Complete College America \(CCA\)](#), an Intermediary for Scale in the Gates Foundation's Higher Endeavor Ecosystem, has contracted with CCCSE to provide technical assistance to 10 colleges in Kentucky, Maine, Ohio, and South Carolina. CCCSE is hosting two virtual convenings for the cohort in 2024 and another two in spring 2025, along with a Pathways Power Hour and individualized technical assistance. The colleges will be using CCCSE data as they dive deeper into implementation of the pathways model.



This summer, CCCSE will conduct virtual focus groups with [Central Carolina Community College](#) (NC) faculty to explore their perceptions, concerns, and expectations regarding AI in the learning environment. CCCSE will host an in-person student focus group in October to gather student perspectives. The initiative will culminate with a two-hour workshop for faculty, aimed at identifying the next steps to support AI integration at the college.



In May, CCCSE hosted a virtual focus group facilitation training with about 25 administrators, faculty, and staff from [Reynolds Community College](#) (VA) on how to conduct student focus groups. The training centered around the content shared in CCCSE's [Focus Group Toolkit](#), along with interactive and engaging team time. The training was a huge success, and participants are planning to create a focus group committee to conduct regular focus groups at the college to capture the student voice.



CCCSE and [Excelencia in Education](#) have wrapped up a year-long partnership funded by the Gates Foundation (see more at the bottom of Page 1 in [last summer's briefing](#)). In April, following spring site visits, *Excelencia* and CCCSE hosted its final virtual convening of the project to reflect on the past year and celebrated the colleges' progress in advancing Latino student success.

Engagement With the Field

Below are recent and upcoming attendances and presentations by CCCSE staff.

MAY 2024

- » Reynolds Community College Focus Group Training
- » University of Pittsburgh Transfer Pathways Summit — Keynote
- » Texas Association of Community Colleges Funders Partner Meeting — Presentation

JUNE 2024

- » American Association for Women in Community Colleges LEADERS Institute — Presentation
- » Pathways Providers Convening — Participation
- » Complete College America Policy Summit and Day on the Hill — Participation
- » National Alliance of Community & Technical Colleges Summer Symposium — Participation
- » Texas Association of Community Colleges North Regional Board of Trustees Meeting — Presentation

JULY 2024

- » Complete College America-CCCSE Pathways Cohort Convening
- » Central Carolina Community College Faculty Focus Group

CCSSE 2025 Key Insights

Each year, five special-focus items are added to *CCSSE*, and often an additional 15 are also available for free to participants.

Special-Focus Items

Five items on the topic of **AI** will be added for all colleges participating in *CCSSE 2025*.

Free 15 Additional Items

Developed in partnership with the [National Disability Center for Student Success](#), the **Campus Accessibility** item set explores issues of accessibility, student supports, and institutional culture around disabilities. *CCSSE 2025* colleges will receive [this item set](#) free of charge if they do not choose their own item set.