
Event Agenda

AFACCT 2026 Conference

Thursday, January 08, 2026

7:00 AM - 3:20 PM

Concierge Room

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Session 1

1.1 Grief in the Academic Workplace - How to support grieving peers and students in the classroom

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speaker: Anne Bach-Starling

1.2 Raising One Bacterium at a Time: The Evolution of Team Proteus and the Development of a Student-led Research Team

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speakers: Sandra Fox-Moon, Bethany Bayer

1.3 Bridging Science, Health, and Innovation: Navigating the Future of Learning through STEM and Public Health Education

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speaker: Shenell Tolson

1.4 Engaging with a Pedagogy of Hope: Solarpunk as Antidote to Gloom, Doom, & Dystopia

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speaker: Christine Hubbard

1.5 Effortless Inclusion: How AI Simplifies UDL for Busy Faculty

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speakers: Faith Andrews, Galen Ziegler

1.6 Real Talk: Math Co-requisite Teaching and Learning

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speakers: Regina Bentley, Kelli Cofield, Veronica Seward

1.7 Looking for Credit: Understanding and Supporting Adult, Non-traditional student in Community College

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Speaker: Stacie McSpadden

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Session 2

2.1 Harnessing AI for Course Design and Assessment: Preparing Faculty and Students for the Future of Learning

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speakers: Anthony Stout, Chris Ripley

2.2 Core Skills for 2030: Cultivating Communicators Who Lead, Listen, and Collaborate

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speaker: Tamara Gibbs-Franklin

2.3 Navigating the Cyber Classroom: Active Learning Strategies for the Cloud

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speaker: Madhavi Avadhani

2.4 Using Infographics as an innovative assessment tool

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speakers: Stacie McSpadden, LaTeri McFadden

2.5 Teaching for All: Faculty Insights on Accessibility and OER Integration

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speakers: Alketa Nina, Jenny MacFadden, Lisa Timmons, Tashana Phillips, Brian Bergen-Aurand, Jenny McFadden

2.7 Cultural and Structural Impediments in the United States that Make the German Vocational Training approach difficult to use as a model for the United States

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speaker: Herbert Ziegler

2.8 How Unreasonable Hospitality Can Transform Your Classroom and Workplace

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Speaker: Stacy Korbela

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Welcome & Keynote

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Speaker: Dr. Antonia Nwogbo

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

Session 3

3.1 Burn Bright, Not Burn Out

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speaker: Lori Perez

3.2 Overdue for Change: Library Collaborations to Promote Resilience and Student Success

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speakers: Amy Spitz, Emily Cranford

3.3 Supporting Students Through Corequisite Model

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speakers: Berrin Kilicarslan, Kathie Noonan

3.4 A Testing Approach That Is Also a Learning Experience

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speaker: Paul Duty

3.5 Teaching Learning Skills in the Classroom to Promote Student Success

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speakers: Marlena Wilson, Ellena McCarthy

3.6 Learning Communities at CCBC: Then and Now

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speakers: Stacie Miller, Christopher Newton, Raphael Stillings

3.7 Learning How to Learn with Critical Thinking and Connectivity to the World

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speaker: Darryl Lesesne

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Session 4

4.1 MMATYC Winter Business Meeting

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speaker: Christine Mirbaha

4.2 Improving Student Success in a Flipped Classroom

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speaker: Jennifer La Fleur

4.3 Fostering Critical Thinking in Statistics and Other Courses

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speaker: Elizabeth Lugosi

4.4 Bridging the Gap Between Textbooks and Paychecks: Preparing Students for the Real World

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speakers: Faraz Eivazi, Alla Webb, Farnaz Eivazi

4.5 Plain Language as a Tool for Inclusion

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speaker: Megan Calvert

4.6 Cybersecurity Park

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speaker: Paul Sparks

4.7 Food Insecurity in Community Colleges: Everyone's Problem

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Speakers: Sheila Levings, Turner Coggins, Lori Proctor

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Session 5

5.1 The Impact of Role Play on Student Understanding and Motivation in Anatomy and Physiology Courses

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Thushangi Pathiraja

5.2 Supporting Students' Mental Health Using The Canvas Module

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Odeana Kramer

5.3 Be Blunt and Honest: Promote Community College to High School Students and Educators

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Cyrus Sadeghian

5.4 Trauma-Informed Teaching and Learning Roundtable

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Megan Calvert

5.5 Meeting of the Professional Learning Associates Network (Maryland PLAN)

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Robin Minor

5.6 Purpose in Practice: Building Resilience, Connection, and Meaningful Leadership

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Zenobia Garrison

5.7 Creating Equitable Learning Experiences with Generative AI

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Speaker: Shawn Crosby

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6.3 Support Strategies for ADN Students: More Than a Matter of Academics

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM
Speakers: Sheila Levings, Morag Dahlstrom, Robin Young

6.4 Practical AI-based Activities for an Introduction to AI Literacy

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM
Speakers: Jill Peregino, Amy Cedrone

6.5 Seeing is Believing: Visualizing Anatomy & Physiology with Point-of-Care Ultrasound

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM
Speaker: Oluwakemi Tomobi

6.6 From Research to Practice: Culturally Responsive Teaching for Diverse Community College Learners

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM
Speaker: Branden Elmore

6.7 Teaching on the Front Lines: Educators Responding to Student Trauma and Crisis

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM
Speaker: Chris Ceary

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Session 7

7.1 Designing Belonging: Asset-Based Learning, Storytelling, and Cultural Mapping in the Studio Classroom

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speaker: Brittany Newman

7.2 Enhancing Educational Outcomes: The Role of AI in Streamlining Assessment

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speakers: Ronda Jacobs, Daphne Powell

7.3 Teaching and Learning in the Humanities in 2025

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speakers: Brian Stipelman, Dana Poole

7.4 Research Paper Reboot

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speaker: Lisa Tittle

7.5 Learning How to Learn with Critical Thinking and Connectivity to the World

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speaker: Darryl Lesesne

7.6 7-Week Solutions: Redesigning English 101 into an Accelerated 7-Week Course

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Speakers: Lynn Franks, Olivia Imirie

7.7 Teaching Learning Skills in the Classroom to Promote Student Success

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Speakers: Marlena Wilson, Ellena McCarthy

7.8 Join Our Statewide Journal Club!

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Keynote Speaker

Speaker: Andrea Dardello

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Session 8

8.1 Queering the Classroom: Creating Queer Safe Spaces in Academia

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Speaker: Chris Ceary

8.2 Effective Ways to Engage Students on the Spectrum in the Classroom

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Speakers: David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa, Dana Bunnell-Young

8.4 Integrating AI Agents to Support Public Speaking Students

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speaker: Zach Runge

8.5 Dual Enrollment- Meeting Students Where They Are

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Speaker: Jamie Batts

8.6 Peer Mentorship for Students: A Pathway to Retention and Hope.

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Speaker: Edward Bass

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Session 9

9.1 How to get them there: Ways to encourage students to utilize the writing center

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Speaker: Michelle Chan

9.3 Developing Honors Course Research Projects

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Speaker: Nicollette Krenzien

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9.5 From RESPECT to Co-Creation: Ethical and Inclusive AI Integration in Community College Teaching

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Speaker: Paul Miller

9.6 The Modern Business Student: Challenges, Skills, and Engagement

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Speaker: Mary Beth Klinger