



ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

**The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
is pleased to announce the 2019 Partners in Excellence Conference!**

Higher education both shapes, and is shaped by, the future. It stands in the present, preparing students for a future they will create, even as it remains hauntingly unknown. The 2019 ACCJC Partners in Excellence Conference will explore the awesome challenge educators face as they ponder **What the Future Holds**. Are our students prepared for jobs – and societal issues – that aren't even imagined? Do they balance an appreciation for the past with an agile curiosity about what our future must hold? Do they envision contributing to that better future? Are our colleges poised to launch students into that future? And how does accreditation assist colleges with that task? The conference will feature multiple break-out sessions for members to weigh in on what they are doing to keep higher education responsive, effective, and relevant.

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**The ACCJC 2019 Partners in Excellence Conference
will be held**

**April 30 - May 3, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency San
Francisco Airport
in Burlingame, California.**

At this time, **Martha Kanter**, formerly Under Secretary of Education in the Obama administration and former Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, is the current Executive Director of the College Promise Campaign, has agreed to present a plenary session on the future of community colleges. **David Baime**, Senior Vice President for Government Relations at the American Association of Community Colleges, will also speak on the vital role of community colleges in shaping America's future. An invitation has been extended to **Jill Biden** and is pending.

Coming in early fall:

- **Call for Presentations**
- **Sponsorship Opportunities**
- **2019 Conference Website**
- **Registration and Hotel Information**

**We look forward to partnering with
colleagues across the region!**