

# 2017 Leadership Symposium

Four Seasons Hotel Miami, FL, September 21-23, 2017

## Call for Proposals



NCCHC is the premier organization for Latino leadership development in community colleges. Our mission is to increase the number of successful Latino leaders in America's community colleges through leadership development.

Access to learning opportunities for all has been a cornerstone of the community college mission since the colleges were created more than a century ago. For Latino students, access to higher education creates the opportunity to participate fully in the American dream. Access to professional development opportunities, like the NCCHC Fellows Program and Leadership Symposium, are bridges to administrative leadership positions. **The Board of Directors of the National Community College Hispanic Council invites you to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues by submitting a proposal for a presentation at the 2017 Leadership Symposium.**

Using the key strategies for change as presented by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), NCCHC is looking for proposals that address these key topic areas for the Symposium. They are:

1. Increase completion rates by 50% by 2020
2. Dramatically improve college readiness
3. Close the American skills gap
4. Refocus the community college mission and redefine institutional roles
5. Invest in collaborative support structures
6. Target public and private investments strategically
7. Implement policies and practices that promote rigor and accountability

The publication from AACC provides the background for addressing the above listed strategies in proposals. The document is titled "Empowering Community Colleges to Build the Nation's Future: An Implementation Guide" was unveiled at the 2014 AACC Convention and is on the AACC website. In short, proposals should demonstrate what your institution is doing to address one or more of the above and / or what you are doing to grow your own leadership development programs.

**It's easy to submit a session proposal!** To complete and submit a proposal form, simply go to <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MeetingWise1/NCCHC2017ConferenceCallForProposals>. Each breakout session will be 1 hour, 15 minutes in length and should allow time for questions and answers at the conclusion. We anticipate 35 to 60 attendees per session. Those presenters chosen will be asked to bring enough handouts for session attendees if handouts are desired and to provide us with an electronic version of their presentations/handouts one week prior to the Symposium. Submission of a proposal for a presentation will serve as authorization for NCCHC to post any session content on the NCCHC website for future reference by members. **Presenters are expected to register for the conference at the established rates. Deadline to submit: June 30, 2017**

The 2017 Symposium will follow the same, streamlined format instituted in years past to maximize professional development and networking time. The Symposium will begin Thursday evening (9/21) with the traditional welcome reception and will conclude at approximately 2:00 pm on Saturday (9/23) with a closing luncheon general session so you may return home to enjoy personal time and prepare for the week ahead; or, you may bring the family along and have time to enjoy the many wonderful activities available in Miami! Presenters are invited to book hotel rooms at the special conference rate. Hotel information is posted on the website.

All potential **presenters will be notified of proposal status by or before July 15, 2017**. Those chosen will receive presenter information/details shortly after they are confirmed.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of NCCHC. Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact NCCHC Conference Management, at [admin@meetingwise.net](mailto:admin@meetingwise.net) or 310-937-9473. We appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge and expertise with your peers as NCCHC continues to help train and develop administrators.

Sincerely, The NCCHC 2017 Leadership Symposium Team