



CONNECTIONS

California Community Colleges
Classified Senate

A newsletter for the Classified Senates of the
California Community Colleges

College Futures Foundation Funds Leadership Training Programs To Sustain 'Caring Campus' Initiatives

The California-based College Futures Foundation has approved a \$367,000 grant to the **Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC)** to support management transition of **Caring Campus California** to the **California Community College Classified Senate (4CS)** and implement training programs for California community college professional classified staff to lead and institutionalize Caring Campus initiatives at their campuses, improving their student success outcomes.



More Graduates for a Thriving California



INSTITUTE *for* EVIDENCE-BASED CHANGE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, TRISHA ALBERTSEN

I hope everyone is doing well and having a wonderful Fall Semester, the last two and a half years have been very challenging. As Classified Professionals, we hold our campuses together by supporting the mission, vision and values of 4CS.

As 4CS continues to support Classified and Student Success by becoming servant leaders in participatory governance, expanding our role in the state with Caring Campus it is our hopes that you all will come along with us on the journey.

We were so happy to see so many of you back in person during the 2022 Classified Leadership Institute, and can't wait to be with you again in June 2023 in Visalia, Ca. This year we're focusing us YOU! "The Classified Effect: Growing, Gathering, and Transforming" will hopefully inspire each and every one of us.



Classified Leadership Institute Returns

In June, over 200 classified professionals gathered in-person once again to learn and share together. Keynote speaker, **Joe Britto**, led interactive sessions on *The Six Attributes of a Leadership Mindset* to encourage participants to develop a new way of approaching leadership and apply that to the challenges they often face.

Other keynote sessions included **Brad Phillips** from IEBC speaking on Caring Campus. **Dr. Siria Martinez**, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Equity and Success and **Dr. Tonya Williams** wrapped up the conference by having a conversation on building equity conscious professional learning experiences and career pathways with and for classified professionals.

Throughout the conference, participants were led by classified professionals from across the state in over 30 breakout sessions. These ranged from participatory governance to professional growth as well as COVID fatigue and stress.

At the awards dinner, 4CS honored **Susan Rodriguez** with the 2022 Classified Senate President award and the **Institute for Evidence-Based Change** with the Servant Leadership award.

The Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) is the largest, most comprehensive learning conference and professional development opportunity aimed at California Community College Classified Professionals. CLI seeks to promote leadership training while strengthening the classified presence in participatory governance at the local and state level. The conference is open to all Classified Professionals working at the 116 California Community Colleges.

A Once in a Lifetime Visit

Desiree Ortiz, president of the **Irvine Valley College Classified Senate**, had the exciting opportunity to represent classified professionals as part of a small employee group who welcomed **President Biden** when he visited their campus on October 14. United States Representative **Katie Porter** (D-CA 45th District) accompanied the President on his visit to IVC to deliver remarks on lowering costs for American families. Desiree said she **“felt honored to have been the classified representative for such a historic moment in our campus’ history.** It was a once in a lifetime experience!”



Desiree Ortiz (l) greeting President Biden on October 14, 2022.

The Search for a New California Community Colleges Chancellor

The search firm Academic Search, Inc. is leading the hiring process. Board of Governors President Pamela Haynes estimates that the search will run through early next year.

On Thursday, November 6th, classified professionals were invited to an hour long listening session help by the firm to find out what classified professionals want in a new chancellor. A few of the ideas expressed by participants were the desire for **respect** for the role of classified professionals and **equity** among their professional peers.



Classified Leadership Institute

The Classified Effect:

Growing, Gathering, Transforming

June 7-9, 2023 • Visalia Convention Center

Registration

Early Bird: \$675 (Opens Jan. 9th • Closes Feb. 15th)

Regular: \$725 (Opens Jan. 9th • Closes May 26th)

Presenters: \$700 (Opens Jan. 9th • Closes March 31st)

Early Bird/Presenter: \$650

Hotels

Marriott: \$139 + fees 12% / Parking: \$7
(Connected to Conference Center)

Hampton Inn: \$150

Comfort Suites: \$145

President's Retreat: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 • Noon - 5:00pm



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