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# 2021 ILEA WINTER EQUITY INSTITUTE

BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS STUDENT SERVICES  
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## Institute Agenda

**Day One** Thursday, February 18, 2021

**9:45 AM - 10:00 AM**

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**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

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**Keynote Speaker - Racial Equity in our Colleges and Universities:  
An Imperative Call to Action**

**Dr. Frank Harris III**, Co-Director | *Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL), San Diego State University*

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

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**Moderated Q&A with Dr. Frank Harris III**

**Dr. Frank Harris III**, moderated by **Lisa Castillo Richmond**, Managing Director | *Partnership for College Completion*

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM**

**Break**

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

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**Prioritizing Holistic Care in Student Services**

**Tania Boisson**, Student Care Coordinator | *Oakton Community College*

**Jacquelyn Werner**, Associate Dean of Advising and Transition &

**Dr. Eric Crabtree Nelson**, Clinical Director of the Wellness Center | *Harold Washington College*

**Dr. Aurelio Valente**, Vice President of Student Affairs | *National Louis University*

**12:15 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Break**

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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**Strategies for Culturally Responsive Mental Health Support for  
Diverse Students**

**Dr. Sofia Pertuz**, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer | *The Jed Foundation*

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Break**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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**Beyond the Plan: How to Ensure Your Equity Efforts Achieve Their Desired Results**

**Dr. Frank Harris III**, Co-Director | *Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL)*, San Diego State University

***Institute Day One Adjourns***

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**Day Two** Friday, February 19, 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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**The Art of Retaining Women of Color Professionals**

**Kristina Garcia, Ph.D., Paige Gardner, Ph.D., & Pearl Ratunil, Ph.D.**,  
Co-Founders | *Career Killing Moves (CKM)*

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

**Break**

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

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**Widening the Leadership Pipeline for Professionals of Color**

**Dr. Eddie Martinez**, Associate Dean for Student Affairs |  
*Suffolk County Community College*

**Jamar Orr**, VP for Student Affairs | *Roosevelt University*

**Marisol Velazquez**, Dean of Students | *Morton College*

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

**Break**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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**Student Teach-In: Navigating College Through COVID-19**

Members of PCC's Student Advisory Council representing two-year and four-year institutions will highlight ways they have been supported by campus administrators in their college experience. Recommendations for continuing to cultivate inclusive environments will be shared by panelists and fellow students.

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

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**Closing Remarks**

**Dr. Kyle Westbrook**, Executive Director | *Partnership for College Completion*

***Institute Day Two Adjourns***