

2026 ACCA CONFERENCE

NOV 8-10, 2026

MONTGOMERY RENAISSANCE HOTEL AND SPA MONTGOMERY, AL



Registration is open for all attendees until Nov. 1

SUPPORT

The Hidden Cost of High Performance: Preventing Burnout Before It Impacts Results

Mon, Nov 9 | Session I | 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Dr. Renee Sunday, M.D. - MD, Fractional Wellness Consultant, DRS Global
Participants will be able to identify early indicators of burnout and cognitive overload, assess workplace stress using practical tools, apply strategies that support resilience and decision-making, and create action steps that strengthen employee well-being and organizational effectiveness.

From Prompt to Practice

Mon, Nov 9 | Session I | 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Eula Todd - Director of Title III and Sponsored Programs, Lawson State Community College
Equip community college employees with practical strategies to use AI confidently and purposefully to streamline everyday tasks, save time, improve efficiency, and create greater capacity to focus on students, relationships, and other high-impact work.

Every Student, Every Story: Personalizing the Path for Success Coaching

Mon, Nov 9 | Session II | 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Ashley Tyson - Success Coach, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College
Participants will identify and apply practical strategies for developing individualized plans that build on each high school student's unique strengths, interests, and aspirations while empowering students to create meaningful pathways toward their educational and career goals.

DON'T COUNT THEM OUT: Turning At-Risk Potential Into Student Success, Career Pathways & Purpose

Mon, Nov 9 | Session II | 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

David Perry - Executive Director, Joshua Generation Ministries
Participants will learn practical strategies for recognizing overlooked potential, building student belonging, combining encouragement with accountability, and connecting underserved and at-risk students to educational, career and workforce pathways that support persistence and success.

From Compliance to Commitment: Building an Accessible Campus Culture that Drives Student Retention

Mon, Nov 9 | Session II | 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Laura Catoe - ADA Coordinator, Gadsden State Community College
Identify small, practical actions that promote an accessible and welcoming campus culture • Understand how informal outreach and clear communication support earlier student connection • Recognize accessibility as a shared responsibility and a retention strategy

Don't Forget the Trash Can: Why Small Details Determine the Success of Big Initiatives

Mon, Nov 9 | Session III | 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Ebony Bradley - Dean of Students, Reid State Community College
Participants will be challenged to rethink how the 'small details' can strengthen student and stakeholder experiences that shape trust, culture, and outcomes.

Empowering Success: Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Non-Traditional Students

Mon, Nov 9 | Session III | 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Angie Kelly - Adult College Services Director, Jefferson State Community College
Participants will identify effective strategies for recruiting, supporting, and retaining adult learners by examining the unique needs of non-traditional students and exploring practices that promote enrollment, persistence, and academic success.

New Peer Tutoring Program: Making a Real Impact

Mon, Nov 9 | Session III | 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Maribeth Farr - English Instructor / QEP Director, Central Alabama Community College
By the end of this session participants will be able to: 1. Describe how a peer tutoring program can be developed from scratch 2. Identify key implementation strategies 3. Use technology to scale up tutoring services 4. Measure program effectiveness 5. Apply lessons learned at their own college

The Magic Behind the Mayhem: The Bold Moves That Create Real Impact

Mon, Nov 9 | Session IV | 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Laura Moore - Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services, Calhoun Community College
By the end of this session, participants will be able to identify strategies for managing competing priorities, adapting to different leadership styles, and proactively addressing challenges in their roles to increase their effectiveness and impact within their institutions.

Prompt Like a Pro: Build Your Own AI Productivity Assistant for Faculty and Staff

Mon, Nov 9 | Session IV | 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Ryan Buchanan - Instructional Designer & Technologist, Coastal Alabama Community College
Participants will learn to write effective prompts, build a reusable prompt library, and configure a role-based AI productivity assistant that supports daily college work, communication, operational efficiency, and student-centered service.

Missing in the Metrics: Automating Credential Discovery to Uncover Hidden Completers

Mon, Nov 9 | Session IV | 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Amanda Botts Dickson, Ellucian
Discover how Coastal Alabama Community College plans to use Ellucian Credential Discovery and Smart Planning & Registration to identify students who have met credential requirements, uncover unrecognized completions, and create dynamic degree plans. Learn how automation can reduce manual reviews, improve completion reporting, and help students understand their progress and next steps.

Wash, Rinse, Repeat... & Repeat Again: Digital Accessibility at NWSCC

Mon, Nov 9 | Session V | 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Shelby Luna - Director of Distance Education and Information Technology, Northwest Shoals Community College
1. Strategy and the Iterative Process - Attendees will learn more about the iterative lifecycle of institutional digital accessibility, moving from initial auditing to continuous remediation and maintenance, as well as how to formulate a scalable framework for continuous accessibility efforts.

Beyond the Referral: Building a Campus-Based Mental Health Support Model at the Community College

Mon, Nov 9 | Session V | 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Brandon Brown - Director of Student Disability, Counseling, & Support Services & Title IX Coordinator, Calhoun Community College
Identify key components of a comprehensive community college mental health support model. Apply strategies to strengthen counseling, referral, and wellness efforts on their campus.

From Incarceration to Opportunity: Ingram State's Reentry Success Story

Tue, Nov 10 | Session VI | 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Kelly Emfinger - Director of Re-Entry Services, JF Ingram State Technical College
Explore Ingram State's Reentry Services model, including case management, career coaching, job placement, and supportive services. Learn how partnerships with correctional facilities, employers, and community organizations support transitions to education, employment, and community reintegration.

The Administrative Assistant's Field Guide: From Surviving to Thriving in Higher Education

Tue, Nov 10 | Session VI | 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Toniesha Morris - Administrative Assistant I, Bishop State Community College
Participants will learn practical strategies to improve efficiency, leverage technology and AI, anticipate challenges, strengthen communication, and develop a personalized action plan to thrive as strategic administrative professionals in higher education.