



CONVOCATION

2024

Setting the Stage

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

Woodland Community College
Performing Arts & Culinary Center
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Welcome to the 2024 Woodland Community College Convocation! This year's theme, "Setting the Stage," marks the beginning of our journey toward crafting the 2025-2028 Education Strategic Plan. Together, we embark on an ambitious agenda aimed at advancing student outcomes and enhancing socioeconomic mobility. This Convocation is not just a gathering, but a pivotal moment to align our talents, efforts and vision, ensuring we create impactful, forward-thinking strategies that will shape a brighter future for our students and the communities we serve. Let's set the stage for transformative success together!

Sincerely,
President Lizette Navarette

8:30 - 8:45 AM

President's Update

8:45 - 9:30 AM

Keynote Address



HOPE & HEALING: SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS AT WCC

Dr. Edward Bush

Dr. Edward Bush is an innovative leader renowned for transforming traditional institutional practices. As President of Cosumnes River College since 2015, he has been pivotal in reshaping educational outcomes. He is also a founding member of A2MEND (African American Male Educational Network & Development Inc.), a nationally recognized nonprofit committed to enhancing educational success for men and men of color in the California Community College system. Dr. Bush's forward-thinking strategies, including the implementation of guided pathways, have notably improved outcomes and narrowed achievement gaps for students of color and other historically marginalized groups. Dr. Bush combines visionary leadership with data-driven expertise to navigate organizations through change and structural disruption, addressing the evolving needs of students and their communities.

Our keynote address will center on the powerful themes of hope and healing. In a time of unprecedented challenges and transformations, we will explore how these vital concepts can shape our approaches to our colleagues, our community, and most importantly to the educational opportunities and supports we provide our students.

9:30 - 9:40 AM

Transition Break

9:40 AM - 12:20 PM

Breakout Sessions

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

To facilitate a more interactive and engaging experience, we have organized our breakout sessions into two blocks that will repeat. This ensures that all participants can attend each session in smaller groups.

Block 1: Session A and Session B
9:40 -10:55 AM

10:55 - 11:05 AM Transition Break

Block 2: Session A and Session B (Repeat. Switch Topics.)
11:05 AM - 12:20 PM

SESSION A - EMPOWERING SUCCESS: STRATEGIES FOR RE-ENGAGING ADULT & WORKING LEARNERS

Room 936

Explore the importance of re-engaging adult learners in this interactive session. Discover strategies to support working learners and attract adults with some college, no degree. Collaborate on building a college-wide plan to enhance engagement, improve retention, and foster success for adult students returning to complete their education.

SESSION B - CAMPUS SAFETY: STRATEGIES FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

Room 925b

Join the Tactical Training Academy for an engaging, interactive session on campus safety and security. Learn essential strategies to stay safe, respond to emergencies, and enhance personal and community security. Through hands-on activities and expert guidance, you'll gain valuable skills to protect yourself and others in various situations.

12:20 - 1:30 PM

Lunch, Resource Fair, and Community Art

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Chancellor's Message



CHANCELLOR SHOUAN PAN

Update on Yuba Community College District

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Update by Director Jay Lowden

2:00 - 2:50 PM

General Session

AI INNOVATION AT WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Theatre

Join us for a panel discussing the applications of AI in instruction and academic support. Instructional faculty, along with our Student Success Center Director and Instructional Designer, will share examples of assignments, activities, course materials, and approaches that harness AI to maximize student success in and out of the classroom.

Panelists: Betsy Allen, Instructional Design Specialist; Hoda Jahanshahloo, Math Faculty; Nili Kirschner, Sociology Faculty; Shawn Lanier, Math Faculty, and Kevin McClain, Student Success Center Director

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

BLOCK 3 - ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE: FACULTY AND STAFF ROLES FOR ENHANCED STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Room 936: Staff and Administrators
- Room 925b: Faculty

Join us for parallel breakout sessions on curriculum, accreditation, and distance education, emphasizing the vital roles of faculty and staff. Explore collaborative strategies to enhance student outcomes through instructional improvements and support services. Together, we will reinforce our commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement.

4:00 PM

Adjourn

PERFORMING ARTS & CULINARY CENTER MAP



KEY DATES

CAMPUS CONNECT

- October 1, 2024
- December 3, 2024
- February 4, 2025
- April 1, 2025

OPEN HOUSE

- November 21, 2024

SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

- January 7-10, 2025

COMMENCEMENT

- May 16, 2025