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Report to ASCCC

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Board-Related

- This year, the Board set the following goals for 2021-22:
 - Build leadership capacity to empower Board members to want to lead
 - Integrate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) into the work of the Board overall and the Board committees
 - Increase the profile of planning in our work
 - Support Board members in fulfilling their roles as ambassadors and regional representatives

Professional Development

- Strengthening Student Success Conference 2021
 - We want to thank everyone who attended this year's SSSC last week, October 13-15! The conference was held virtually with 492 registrants representing 75 CCC institutions (colleges and districts), including 142 first-time attendees, and 13 college teams of 10 or more.
 - The conference kicked off on Wednesday, 10/13 with an inspiring and informative student panel moderated by Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor, and included the following amazing CCC students: Trillia Hargrove (City College of San Francisco), Coraima Martinez (East Los Angeles College), and Alexander Needleman (San Diego Mesa College). The conference also included a keynote speech by Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, author, professor, researcher, and educational leader, on Thursday, 10/14, and a closing keynote speech by Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO of Compton College, on Friday, 10/15. [More information about each of our speakers can be found on our website.](#)
 - As a reminder, all conference registrants will have access to the session recordings in the conference app by Friday, October 29.

Research and Evaluation

- New research briefs focused on transfer -- *please share these resources with your colleagues who are working to support transfer.*
 - [Students Speak: Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on their Transfer Journeys](#)
 - A webinar was hosted on October 6 to share the findings from the brief. Access the recording [here](#).
 - [Transfer Leaders Speak: Keeping Students on the Transfer Path, During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond](#)
 - A webinar was hosted on October 20 with a panel of two transfer practitioners from the brief and students to share their specific experiences. Access the recording [here](#).

- **Upcoming webinar**
 - Hosted by the RP Group, Friday, November 5 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM: A webinar highlighting ESL innovations and practices to support AB 705. Register [here](#) and share the link with your ESL colleagues and any others who might be interested!