



SACNAS

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

## Agenda

*All times listed in Pacific Time*

### Day 1: Friday, April 30, 2021

**Register in advance and add to your calendar:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81609398921>

**Passcode: 274083**

10:00 am – 10:05 am • Welcome from SACNAS Executive Director, **Dr. Stephania Herrera**

10:05 am – 10:10 am • Event Overview

10:15 am – 10:45am • Keynote Speaker – **Dr. Paloma Vargas**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm • Concurrent Workshops 1

- 1) **“Why Wait? The Benefits of Getting Involved in Research NOW”** presented by Queensborough Community College

Getting involved in research is beneficial to community college students. At this interactive session, we will discuss how research will help you achieve your educational goals. We will examine some of the barriers that prevent students from pursuing research opportunities and offer helpful hints about how to overcome these barriers. You will speak with faculty mentors who will offer advice about how to get started in research. In addition, current and former community college students will share how research has helped them personally and professionally. Come learn about why research is right for you too!

**Register in advance:**

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- 2) **“The Power of Being a Mentee”** presented by the National Research Mentoring Network – Resource Center at University of North Texas, Health Science Center

The Power of being a Mentee: learn how to create a mentoring connection to meet your needs and achieve your goals. This workshop will help you develop your needs and goals to seek and request a mentor. Upon completion of this workshop, you will gain practical tools and knowledge to maintain an effective mentorship, providing support toward your persistence in the STEM fields.

**Register in advance:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86464634318?pwd=STVLOUZuL0xPdjh1RmNIUTE4bXFJZz09>

**Meeting ID: 864 6463 4318**

**Passcode: CCD2021**

- 3) **“Keywords for Success – Resume Tips for NASA Activities”** presented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The workshop would talk about writing a resume to use for applying to a NASA internship or activity like NCAS. Students would hear about using keywords then have several chances to identify key words on a sample resume or internship opportunity. This workshop would provide information to help community college students write an

effective resume to access those internships and other programs. There will be some information shared with students regarding NASA internships and the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program. These programs inspire community college students to continue to pursue their STEM education through to a STEM career.

**Register in advance:**

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12:30 pm – 12:50 pm • Networking Session

**Register in advance:**

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1:00 pm – 2:00 pm • Concurrent Workshops 2

1) **“Things I wish I had known: Advice from Graduate Students who**

**Transferred”** presented by graduate students at the University of California, Berkeley  
As previous community college (CC) students, we know that oftentimes the road ahead can seem murky or unattainable and the opportunities available to CC students are often invisible or hidden. This workshop will provide a perspective on what transferring, getting those associate degrees, and completing your bachelor's degree can look like. We will describe the many pitfalls, misconceptions, and failures that we went through that built our success as well as the mental health and wellbeing practices that we used so CC students today can take home and implement as they traverse the journey through community college and into a successful future they envision.

**Register in advance:**

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2) **“Conversations with STEM Professionals in Ocean and Atmospheric**

**Sciences”** presented by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Using the virtual format, community college students will receive mini-mentoring sessions in a one-on one/small group setting. NOAA will sign up a cadre of staff volunteers from across the agency who work in a diverse body of STEM and business professional (e.g. communications, operations, etc.) fields. The mentoring group will include Community College alum and other staff with compelling stories that will engage SACNAS community college students with informative conversation to clarify how to advance their STEM careers through academic studies, internships, and other training opportunities. Students will be encouraged to tell their stories and ask their questions to help drive conversation and ensure NOAA mentors are providing key advice to help address the unique and common challenges these students face and help provide students a clearer perspective on how best to navigate through their academic studies.

**Register in advance:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87800077473?pwd=Vm5kYlhGRDI1UGdqVEJMbzFLTi84UT09>

**Meeting ID: 878 0007 7473**

**Passcode: CCD2021**

3) **“Community College Internship Opportunities at the Pacific Northwest National Lab”** presented by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

In this session we will cover several research and internship opportunities available to community college students at National Laboratories. Some intern opportunities are exclusive to community colleges like the Department of Energy Community College Internship Program. National Laboratories are a great place to conduct research given the breadth of topics, cutting edge technology and multidisciplinary approaches taken to tackle real life problems. As part of this presentation, we will present how a National Laboratory operates, current opportunities available, eligibility and deadlines.

**Register in advance:**

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2:15 pm – 3:30 pm • Panel Discussion “Community College to Career”

**Register in advance:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84641116917>

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Panel Speakers:

- **Dr. Vladimir Diaz-Ochoa**, UC Davis Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Davis
- **Dr. Madelen Diaz**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Neuroscience, The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at University of Miami
- **Dr. Cheryl Harrison**, Assistant Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

## Day 2: Saturday, May 1, 2021

**Register in advance:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89144146682>

**Passcode: 455163**

10:00 am – 10:05 am • Welcome

10:05 am – 10:10 am • Event Overview

10:15 am – 10:45am • Keynote Speaker – **Robin D. López**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm • Student Presentations

**Register in advance:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83771247482>

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Student Presenters:

- **Anysia Ngokila**, Laguardia Community College, Engineering
- **Kossivi Maglo**, CUNY – Borough of Manhattan Community College, Mathematics
- **Savannah Randall**, South Plains College, Biology Sciences
- **Jacqueline Villalobos**, Los Medanos College, Chemistry

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm • Panel Discussion and Closing Reception “Explore and Inspire”

**Register in advance:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85877826870>

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Panel Speakers:

- **Dr. Mayra Amezcua**, Postdoctoral Fellow, John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
- **Dr. Ashley Juavinett**, Assistant Teaching Professor, University of California, San Diego
- **Judy Galindo, CCRC**, Director of Research and Clinical Research Site Co-owner and Co-Founder of Latinos in Clinical Research