
COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA
COLLEGE PRESIDENT FINALISTS' WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Dr. Tina Vasconcellos

11 AM – 11:45 AM

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Dr. Tina Vasconcellos is a passionate educator who believes in the transformative impact community colleges have on students and their communities. She is a leader who is deeply committed to equity and social justice.

Her commitment is grounded in her Hispanic heritage where her families immigrated to America as farm workers to create opportunities for their children. Dr. Vasconcellos attributes her strong sense of family, community and a commitment to giving back and helping others succeed to her ancestors. She is a first generation college graduate who like many community college students initially lacked the cultural capital to successfully navigate the academy.

Dr. Vasconcellos earned a Ph.D. focused on community college leadership from a national perspective from Colorado State University and a Master's degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis in multicultural and holistic counseling from John F. Kennedy University.

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Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins
12 PM – 12:45 PM
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Dr. Cooper Wilkins is the Assistant Superintendent / Vice President for Student Services at San Joaquin Delta College with administrative oversight for Enrollment Services and Student Development (Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Veterans Resource Center, the Welcome Center, Outreach, the Food Pantry, Empowerment Resources Program, International Students, Student Activities, Student Clubs and Organizations and Student Government and the Pride Center); Counseling and Special Services (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Disability Support Programs and Services, AFFIRM, Puente and EPIC Learning Communities, Career and Transfer Center as well as academic Guidance courses); the District Police Department; the CalWORKs Program and CalWORKs Assessment, and the Child Development Center. She joined the District in 2014 as the Dean of Enrollment Services and Student Development in 2014.

At University of the Pacific, she served as the Associate Vice President for Student Life (2010-2014), the Interim Assist Provost for Diversity and the Director of the Educational Resource Center (2005-2008), but began her tenure there as the Coordinator of Disability Services (2002-2005). In Philadelphia, she was the Dean of the Educational Support Services Division at the Community College of Philadelphia (2008-2010). Lisa has spent her career in roles that foster access, equity, inclusion, opportunity and success for underrepresented and underserved students. Honors that she has received include the Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement Award in 2012; University of the Pacific's Cavanaugh Distinguished Service Award in 2014 and their Woman of Distinction Award in 2007 and more recently she received the 2017 Medgar Evers Freedom Fighter Award from the NAACP, the 2018 Education Champion Award from the San Joaquin Pride Center as well as the 2022 Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award from Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, California.

Dr. Cooper Wilkins completed her doctoral studies at the George Washington University in Higher Education Administration Program; her dissertation was entitled Disability as Diversity: Assessing the Perceptions of Students with Physical Disabilities Regarding Access and Equal Opportunity in Postsecondary Education. She possesses a Master of Arts in Psychological Services and a Post-Master's Certificate in Counseling from Marymount University; a Master of Science in Counseling and Human Relations from Villanova University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and International Relations from Goucher College. Recently, she was a 2018-19 Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Program and 2019 Lakin Institute Fellow. She is active in the community serving at the local, state and national levels on multiple boards including NASPA's James E. Scott Academy Board as well as the Delta Health Care Board and the Board of the Community Foundation of San Joaquin. Locally, she is a member of the international society of women educators, Delta Kappa Gamma - Tau Chapter, the Stockton Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) as well as the Immediate President of the

Stockton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Through those organizations, Dr. Cooper Wilkins remains engaged in service in her city and county with a focus on education including early literacy initiatives as well as scholarship and mentoring programs for local youth.

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Don Miller, Ph.D.

1 PM – 1:45 PM

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Dr. Don Miller currently serves as Interim President of College of Alameda. He joined the College of Alameda family in January 2018 as Vice President of Instruction and is the President Elect of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers organization. Prior to his current positions, he worked as Interim Vice President of Academic Services and as a Dean of Arts and Humanities and learning communities at Las Positas College. Dr. Miller spent 8.5 years as chair of large multicultural, multilingual departments of modern and classical languages at private and public universities, including CSU, Chico. He spent 20 years as an instructional faculty member in Spanish programs teaching courses in language and grammar, human and civil rights in the Spanish-speaking world, culture, literature, and Latin American Studies. He

has also led study abroad programs to Mexico and Cuba, directed Spanish-language college theatrical productions, and published articles on gender and sexuality as they relate to art, culture, history, and literature in the Spanish-speaking world.

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Dr. Christopher Villa

2 PM – 2:45 PM

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Dr. Christopher Villa has recently served as Campus President at Portland Community College-Rock Creek with an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students. Dr. Villa played a key role in advancing the equitable student success agenda at the college while successfully developing key partnerships with community representatives from business, community-based organizations, k-12 partners, and universities. Dr. Villa has also served as Vice President of Student Services at three California Community Colleges, Los Angeles Mission, Fresno City, and Long Beach City, where he played a key role during the initiation of the Long Beach College Promise.

He has served as a Board Member for the State of California Community College Chief Student Services Administration Association and was a member of the State of California Chancellor's Office Advisory Group on Student Mental Health. In addition, he is a mentor within the National Hispanic Community College Hispanic Council, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). He received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah. He has been a part-time faculty in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department at California State University, Northridge and has taught doctoral and masters level courses to practicing California community college administrators, faculty, and staff.

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NATHANIEL JONES III, PH.D., MBA

3 PM – 3:45 PM

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In both his personal and professional life, Dr. Nathaniel Jones III has sought to work and be engaged in activities that benefit the lives of people. His professional career has spanned more than 29 years of which the past sixteen years have been spent working in higher education involved in administration, teaching, research, and consulting. Dr. Jones is currently the Vice President, Business Services at Moreno Valley College of the Riverside Community College District. He has held administrative and faculty positions at public and private higher education institutions including: University of California, Riverside, Pepperdine University, Dartmouth College, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Maryland.

Prior to coming to the academy, Dr. Jones worked as a hospital administrator for thirteen years. He has also worked as management and business consultant for Jones Consulting Incorporated. Dr. Jones has extensive experience in the areas of: financial management, faculty and student engagement, strategic planning, team-building, assessment, data-informed decision making, community engagement, program review and evaluation, and economic development. He earned a Ph.D. in Health Policy in 2002 from the University of Maryland after completing a Master degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Jones is a thoughtful and creative leader who enjoys spending time with family, playing tennis, and teaching Sunday-school to fourth graders

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