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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FALL 2013 CONFERENCE



Keynote Speaker



4 Outstanding Sessions



Presidential Panel



Reviews of the Day

### Keynote Speaker: Judith White



*"Her overview was impressive as she spoke about community colleges and collaboration."*

We were delighted to have Judith White as our keynote speaker. She serves as the President and Executive Director for Higher Education Resource Services (HERS). Her discussion on advancing women's leadership across communities and institutions was both thoughtful and insightful. She motivated and energized us all to continue to dream and strive to make our ideas and goals become a reality in university settings.

Thank you, Judith, for encouraging us to collaborate as a means of moving higher education forward.

### 4 Outstanding Sessions



*"Wonderful conversation. This was a diverse group of accomplished women. I was able to gain insightful information from each of them. The hour and a half went by too quickly and I wanted to hear more." - ACE Fellows Session*

We truly had outstanding sessions! In the morning, Josefina Baltodano shared valuable advice on how to effectively set professional goals and present one's professional experience. Jody Hironaka-Juteau organized a panel of ACE fellows who spoke about their pathways to leadership. She, along with Mary Croughan, Wanda M.L. Lee, Jana Noel, and Jennifer Summit offered practical and inspiring insights.

Excellent sessions continued into the afternoon with a great presentation by Dianne Rush-Woods and Arthurlene Towner on leading within a multicultural environment. As one participant later attested, *"They offered such great and concrete strategies"*.

Our last session on financial planning was a hit and included participants from Fresno State's LEAD program. Elizabeth Morse, Ling Wang, and Alyssa Valladao from TIAA-CREF conducted a spectacular session.

Thanks again to all of our fabulous session presenters.

### Presidential Panel



*"Lunch panelists were phenomenal, they exceeded expectations!"*  
*"Stories of success and failure were incredibly insightful and inspiring during lunch."*

During lunch, Judy Sakaki moderated a fascinating panel discussion by Deborah G. Blue, Chancellor of State Center Community College District; Dorothy Leland, Chancellor of UC Merced; and Marilyn Hopkins, Provost and Chief Operating Officer of Touro University in California.

Each woman shared keen insights and great advice on how they reached their current leadership positions. They also shared poignant life lessons they learned along the way. Participants left inspired and appreciative of the opportunity to be encouraged by these amazing women. Thanks again to our presidential panelists.

### Reviews of the Day



*Yes, wonderful forum for inspiration. | I appreciated the opportunity to be encouraged by other professional women in higher education. | This conference has been very empowering and motivating. | Loved the topics. | Great location. | Excellent day! So glad I attended! | Very informative, loved it! | Enjoyed meeting participants and learning from speakers. | Inspiring and dynamic group of women, who are giving me the boost I need!*

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