

ACE NORCAL NETWORK

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FALL 2014 CONFERENCE



Keynote Speaker: *President Janet Napolitano*



"The keynote and presidential panel were excellent and the networking and reminders about women's empowerment were helpful."

We were delighted to have President Janet Napolitano, University of California as our keynote speaker. President Napolitano spoke about her journey as an attorney, governor, and federal posts to the point where she now leads a state university system with 10 campuses, five medical centers, and three affiliated national laboratories. A strong advocate of higher education, she spoke of her challenges and successes in these leadership positions. Napolitano inspired and energized the audience and provided thoughtful reflections on how participants might positively impact university cultures and promote change in settings.

We are deeply grateful to President Napolitano for moving forward courageously in transforming higher education while keeping the interests first and foremost.

4 Outstanding Sessions



"Valuable to hear from dynamic women leaders with a range of perspectives."

The workshops are quite insightful. Offers many strategies and things to think about that would not cross your mind if not in this type of setting."

Once again we succeed in hosting valuable and enriching workshop sessions! Vanessa George moderated a panel discussion with Mijiza Sanchez and Elvyra F. San Juan on how we might reduce generational and cultural differences with effective communication strategies Virginia Rondero Hernandez teamed up with Laurie Hillis during the second morning session to present strategies for leading with courage in organizational structures that may not always affirm our contributions. Afternoon session include a panel on managing unconscious bias, presented by Renato Almazor, Deborah Merrill -Sands, Mary Wardell- Ghirarduzzi and moderated by Amy Levine. The second afternoon session was an interactive workshop moderated by Mary Croughan on what women need to know about executive searches presented by David Bellshaw, Julie Filizetti, Alberto Pimentel, and Shelli Herman.

And prior to the Presidential Panel, Josefina Baltodano shared valuable information about the history and objectives of the ACE Women's Network. The majority of conference attendees rated these sessions highly and contributed valuable suggestions regarding future session topics. Thanks again to all of our fabulous session presenters.

Presidential Panel



"Very inspiring! Left with many brainstorming ideas to bring to the forefront and hope to put into action."

During lunch, Luoluo Hong, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, San Francisco State University moderated a fascinating panel discussion by Ballroom Panelists Helen Benjamin, Chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District, Alecia A. DeCoudreaux, President, Mills College, and Lisa A. Rossbacher, President, Humboldt State University

Each woman shared personal stories, insights, and advice on how they reached their current leadership positions and the valuable 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 and moderator.

Reviews of the Day



Wow, wow, wow, so very inspiring! | Very interesting topics, well presented | Inspirational speakers and great place to network | Great networking opportunities | Good to be inspired to be courageous and lead | motivational; affirming; validating; inspiring | This was a great opportunity to network with other women in higher education and learn from their wisdom and experiences. I took a lot away from all the sessions that I can begin to apply immediately.

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