2023 Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar
February 14 - 17

About the Seminar
The Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar began in 1984 and was created by leaders in the American Association of Women in Community Colleges and the Yosemite Community College District. Since 2004 the Community College League of California has sponsored the seminar and provided administrative support.

The Seminar is an intensive four-day experience that focuses on the issues facing women who have made a commitment to community college administration, either in their current position or as a future goal.

Its purpose is to provide information, strategies, contacts, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. The expected outcome is that participants will be able to acquire and successfully accept expanded leadership responsibilities within their own or other California community colleges.

Seminar Topics
All presentations and discussions cover key leadership issues and skills, and will include:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Budgeting & Finance
- Cultural Proficiency
- Leading Change
- Leadership and Ethics
- Finding Balance
- Campus Politics
- Career Choices
- Governance
- Applications & Interviews

Who Should Attend
Over the past 39 years, over 2,540 women have completed the Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar. The seminar focuses on administrative leadership issues. However, enrollment is open to those in any leadership position including classified managers, program directors, trustees, and leaders of senates and unions. Registrations are especially welcome from colleges not previously represented at a seminar.

“Asilomar was a true eye-opener. I am empowered and motivated to move forward in my career...thank you so much!”

“I wish I could start my position over again with this perspective and knowledge!”

“I had such a wonderful experience. You gave us so much insight and support...thank you!”

“It was wonderful to hear women being so open about their experiences.”

– Past Participants
Seminar Location

The setting for the seminar is the Asilomar State Conference Center, located in Pacific Grove, between Monterey and Carmel. The Center is in a beautiful wooded area adjoining a state beach. Attire should be casual and appropriate for pleasant, but cool weather.

All lodging and meals are provided on-site and are included in the seminar fee. Accommodations are rustic and rooms are double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional fee. Guests may not accompany participants as the schedule is intense and space is very limited.

For additional information on Asilomar, visit www.visitasilomar.com.

Schedule

Seminar activities begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and end at 1:00 p.m. on Friday (evenings included). Please plan travel arrangements to accommodate these times.

Seminar Facilitator

Dr. Pamila Fisher, Founder and Director of the seminar since its beginning, will serve as Seminar Director, assisted by community college chief executives and other leaders.

Dr. Fisher is Chancellor Emeritus of the Yosemite Community College District and past-president of AACC, AAWCJC, and CACC. She was Facilitator for AACC’s Future Leadership Institutes for ten years and consults widely for individual colleges, districts, and systems in areas related to leadership, diversity and cultural proficiency, communications and team building. Dr. Fisher also conducts presidential searches and board retreats as an associate of the Association of Community College Trustees.

Over the years, more than 50 community college leaders have served as presenters. The presenters and participants together have created an Asilomar network that provides ongoing support for effective leadership in California’s community colleges.

Registration and Fees

Registration Process: Registrants are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and are required to submit the following items with their seminar registration:

~ Cover letter describing your career goals
~ Current resume (using this template)
~ Letter of recommendation from one of the following: chancellor, president, vice-president, or dean
~ Headshot photo
~ Participation authorization form signed by your president or chancellor
~ Personal profile form
~ Acceptance form

Seminar Fee: $1,850 includes all costs of seminar (tuition, materials, meals, refreshments, and lodging). Full payment must be made by credit card at the time your registration is submitted. In the event your registration is declined, full payment will be refunded.

Single Room Occupancy Fee: $395
This optional fee will provide participants with a single room occupancy for their lodging.

Cancellations must be made in writing and will incur a $50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after Friday, January 6, 2023.

Deadline to Register: Friday, January 6
Register Online: ccleague.org/asilomar23
The future leaders of the community college movement will have the awesome responsibility of ensuring that the community college mission of access and equity remains a reality. These new leaders will have to do this in a context that is challenged by dwindling fiscal resources, aging facilities, ever expanding technology, and demanding expectations from business, industry, and government leaders. To lead with vision, creativity and passion will require a strong sense of courage, character, and compassion.

Fortunately, there is a new generation of diverse leaders who are eager to accept these responsibilities. Those of us who are veterans have the responsibility to create and support opportunities for professional development that will prepare these leaders. The Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar brings together these experienced and future leaders to develop the skills necessary to ensure that our community colleges continue to provide outstanding educational opportunity for all of California’s citizens.

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