



Chief Student Services Officers Association

September 8-10, 2020 Virtual Conference

Welcoming Comments from the CSSO Association President Dr. Zav Dadabhoy

Colleagues,

Welcome to the Fall 2020 Virtual CSSO Conference. The last six months have been challenging for anyone in an educational leadership position: Our sudden shift into a remote learning environment; the important effort to support our disadvantaged students who were so unprepared to learn in this online system; the urgent call to action to support our Black and other minority community; and the impending reductions in budget that seems inevitable. I am proud to observe that as a group of student service professionals we have continued to stay focused on our primary goals of guiding and supporting our students with abundant optimism and hard work.

In designing this conference we emphasized selecting speakers and breakout sessions that could generate discussions, and provide strategies and ideas that are critical to student success, and yet weave together the topics and issues we must focus upon. Our planning team has worked hard to replicate a full conference experience, and I encourage you to immerse yourself in the program. The 2020 VIRTUAL Conference will provide all the things our attendees love about the CSSO Conference including opportunities to connect with others in our field, timely educational content and high-impact sessions. We look forward to having you involved!

Your CSSO Association is your network and leadership group that represents all Vice Presidents of Student Services in California Community Colleges. Our network can be strengthened through your participation and leadership. We invite you to join us in our work to provide information, professional development and advocacy while promoting comprehensive student services that ensure equity, access, student success, progress, completion and transfer for the 2.4 million students attending any of the 116 California Community Colleges.

With best wishes for a terrific conference experience,

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