

NAPIC News

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April 2026

NAPIC business meeting on Saturday, April 11 in Seattle

The NAPIC Business Meeting at AACC2026 was a fitting celebration of Stephanie J. Fujii's tenure as President of the National Asian Pacific Islander Council (NAPIC). Under her leadership, NAPIC is focused, energized, and well-positioned to represent its diverse students and college communities.

Thank you, Stephanie, for your steadfast leadership.

Sobia Khan Ph.D. steps in as the new President of NAPIC.

It was also a pleasure to have DeRionne Pollard, Ph.D. open the meeting with her welcome. We are excited for the future of American Association of Community Colleges under her leadership.



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Leadership Development Program for Higher Education

Applications Now Open!

July 8th-11th, 2026

LEAP Advance is an intensive leadership development program designed to support higher education professionals in enhancing their leadership skills. In partnership with [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education \(APAHE\)](#), the program prepares participants for greater influence and visibility in academic institutions through an Asian and Pacific Islander cultural lens.

Learn more and apply at: leap.org/advance

Curriculum highlights

- **Culturally responsive** leadership development
- **One-on-one** and small group mentoring
- **Mock interviewing practice** and executive presence
- Sessions with senior level higher education leaders and **college presidents**

Key outcomes

- **Enhanced** leadership capacity within academic institutions
- **Greater self-awareness** of cultural leadership identify
- **Expanded professional network** and visibility within higher education

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New Opportunity: Deans — Arapahoe Community College

ACC is looking to recruit two separate Academic Dean roles. Candidates should demonstrate experience aligned with one or more of the following academic portfolios:

- School of Math & Sciences (Math, Natural Sciences, Business, Technology, Skilled Trades)
- School of Health & Public Services (Nursing, Allied Health, Emergency Medical Services, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Education)

The Academic Dean is responsible for the leadership, direction, and continuous improvement of assigned academic departments and programs, including credit and non-credit pathways, certificates, and degrees aligned to transfer and workforce outcomes. The Dean champions student-centered design, ensuring that every academic process and program structure serves the ultimate goal of equitable student completion and mobility. Academic portfolios may evolve over time in response to institutional priorities and community needs.

This role requires the ability to lead effectively within a shared governance environment, balancing faculty expertise and academic freedom with institutional priorities related to enrollment, student success, and program sustainability. As a visible leader within the College and broader community, the Dean advances the mission, vision, and strategic direction of the Division of Instruction, Arapahoe Community College, the Colorado Community College System (CCCS), and the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE), while dedicating time to building internal and external partnerships—particularly those that support student success in clinicals, practicums, apprenticeships, and job placement.

The Dean provides leadership and supervision for faculty and administrative direct reports. Core responsibilities include recruiting, mentoring, and evaluating faculty and staff; maintaining fiscal accountability for assigned cost centers; coordinating program renewals; leading annual comprehensive program reviews; overseeing instructional assessment initiatives; ensuring program accreditation; facilitating curriculum and program development; and resolving student and personnel issues to promote the success of students, faculty, and the College.

For more information, visit: [career at ACC](#)

Closing date:

05/14/2026



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NAPIC Website & LinkedIn page are live!!

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