

California Community College Association for Occupational Education

Regional VP report

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Advocacy

Work-based learning and Nursing Pilot Program

Assembly Bill 323, which is designed to allow Strong Workforce funding to directly support work-based learning, has passed through the state Legislature and has been presented to the governor. Newsom has until Oct. 12 to sign the legislation. Austin Webster, the CCCAOE lobbyist, said the governor is expected to sign AB 323.

Generally, legislation passed in the fall becomes effective Jan. 1 of the following year. This legislation directs the CCC Chancellor's office to rewrite its Strong Workforce funding guidance to allow for spending on work-based learning, such as paid internships. So, it will be sometime next year before any changes are adopted.

AB 1400, which supports the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program, is going to the governor, too. According to Webster, the challenge will be getting governor to sign. This legislation creates a 10-campus BDP pilot program. Similar legislation was vetoed last year after opposition from the CSU system.

Webster thinks that the only way to overcome that opposition will be to have CCC Chancellor Sonya . Politics are CSU vs the CC system. CSU lobbying governor. Thinks that Sonya needs to call the governor to ask for this to happen.

CCCAOE Fall Conference, Oct. 22-24

About 400 people are currently registered for the Fall 2025 California Community College Association for Occupational Education conference in Rancho Mirage. That's on par with past years at this point. We hope to have more than 600 people attend.

The 29 breakout sessions were published Sept. 19 from CCCAOE. The strands are: Community and Industry Partnerships; Education Strategy; Innovative Teaching and Learning Models; Experiential and Work-Based Learning; and Funding.

Expect three days of presentations, keynotes, and networking. The theme is: Collaborating for Success. To register, go to: <https://cccae.org/2025-fall-conference/>

Seeking Gift Baskets for conference

At the CCCAOE conference, each region is asked to bring at least three gift baskets for raffles during the event. If you have not been there, these raffles happen during the plenary sessions. Everyone in the room gets to sign on to a virtual wheel which is spun to select the winner.

We are looking for baskets with a minimum \$50 value. I know that some of our colleges and other regional people have been very generous in the past. If you plan to bring a basket, please email me at mhoffman@vcccd.edu so I can track our region's participation.

If you don't have the time or patience to put something together, you are welcome to Venmo a donation to me. I will put something together on your behalf. My account is: Mike@Mike_Hoffman8426 My mobile number is 805-504-5764.