



CAAASA 2018 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 14-16, 2018 • SHERATON GRAND SACRAMENTO HOTEL, SACRAMENTO, CA

- Strand: *Unconscious Bias*
- Strand: *Restorative Justice*
- Strand: *Early Childhood Development*
- Strand: *STEM and STEAM*
- Strand: *Equity Leadership*
- Strand: *College and Career Readiness*

Plenary Session (Wednesday AM):

The Impact of Trauma and Poverty on Learning and Academic Achievement for African American and other Students of Color.

- Dr. Flojaune G. Cofer, *Director of State Policy and Research, Public Health Advocates*
- Gordon Jackson, *Director, Coordinated Student Support Division, CDE*
- Camille Maben, *Executive Director, First 5 California*
- William Jamal Miller, *Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity, California Department Public Health*
- Dr. Eric Cooper, *President, National Urban Alliance (NUA)*

Plenary Session (Wednesday PM):

School Safety – The State of California perspective on the safety of California’s schools; addressing violence on school campus, schools as “safe havens,” particularly for undocumented and DACA students; active shooter situations; terrorism and other threats.

Invited panelists:

- Attorney General Xavier Becerra, *State of California Department of Justice*
- Dr. Darin Brawley, *Superintendent, Compton USD*
- Dr. Francisco Escobedo, *Superintendent, Chula Vista Elementary School District*
- Dr. Kyla Johnson Trammell, *Superintendent, Oakland Unified School District*

Plenary Session/ Research Institute (Thursday AM):

Educational Justice - This institute will address research that identifies, supports and provides strategies for educational justice for African-American and other under-served students in California schools.

- Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, *Professor and Educational Researcher*
- Dr. Travis Jackson Bristol, *School of Education, Boston University*
- Dr. Tia Madkins, *Assistant Professor, University of Texas, Austin*
- Dr. Michael Dumas, *Researcher, University California, Berkeley*

Plenary Session (Thursday PM):

Professional Athletes for Social Justice

- Greg Bell, *National Football League (retired)* - and others.

Plenary Session (Friday AM):

Understanding the Implications of the new California Dashboard. Using the Dashboard as a strategic tool to positively impact student learning and academic achievement.

- Tom Torlakson, *California State Superintendent of Public Instruction*
- Dr. Carl Cohn, *Executive Director, California Collaborative on Educational Excellence*
- L. Karen Monroe, *Superintendent, Alameda County Office of Education*
- Michael Watkins, *Superintendent, Santa Cruz County Office of Education*

Plenary Session (Friday PM):

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)/Educational Justice for Boys and Men of Color (BMOC) and Girls and Women of Color (GWOC);

- Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, (D-VA) (invited)
- Congresswoman Karen Bass, (D-CA) (invited)
- Dr. Monique Morris, *President/Founder National Black Women’s Justice Institute* (invited)
- Dr. Robert Ross, *President, The California Endowment*
- Dr. George McKenna, *District 1 Board Member, LAUSD*

A Conversation with California Legislators:

- Assemblymember Shirley Weber, Phd; Assemblymember Kevin McCarty; Assemblymember Holly Mitchell and Assemblymember Tony Thurmond

Town Hall Sessions:

- Boys and Men of Color (Wednesday)
- Girls and Women of Color (Wednesday)

Special Sessions:

- California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) Professional Learning Network (PLN) (Friday)
- Disproportionality of African American and Latino Males in Special Education (Thursday)
- Chronic Absenteeism: “Why Does it Matter?” (Thursday)
- Student Aid Commission: Sounding the Alarm - Billions in College Resources Left On The Table (Friday)
- Recruiting, Retaining and Supporting African American Male Teachers (Thursday)



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