Dear ACCET Colleagues,

Feedback from our membership has indicated that annual conferences held at unique sites (for example, Hershey Pennsylvania and Pueblo, New Mexico) but interspersed with more traditional locations (San Diego, San Antonio, Orlando) result in a combination that makes each gathering special. With that in mind, a sincere welcome to beautiful Coeur d’Alene, Idaho and the 2018 program. This conference is always a highlight of the year and I look forward to personally engaging with you about the work we have done and our focus in the years to come.

Here in Washington, D.C., it has been a challenging and unpredictable time for the higher education and accreditation communities since our gathering last year in San Antonio. Although some tangible regulatory relief has been realized for the for-profit career college segment of our ACCET community, our Intensive English Program members are still experiencing significant enrollment challenges. Interestingly enough, we will be here together in Idaho during the Mid-term elections, so there will be plenty to discuss as the results are known.

As you know, this conference doesn’t occur as the result of osmosis. Sandy Lockwood, Darlene Foret, the ACCET staff’s conference committee and the Commission leadership all play important roles in making this gathering a reality. I thank them all for their many contributions and I thank you for your continued participation, enthusiasm and support.

So, enjoy our beautiful surroundings, renew those friendships, make new ones and learn as much as you can to strengthen your own professional development and further upgrade your terrific organizations.

Warm regards,

William V. Larkin, Ed.D.
Executive Director
Dear ACCET Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, welcome to ACCET’s 2018 Annual Conference! Experience the “Playground of the Northwest,” Coeur d’Alene, Idaho and the world renowned Coeur d’Alene Resort. There is something magical about Lake Coeur d’Alene that’s hard to define, but begins with the spectacular North Idaho sunsets and moonrises, the plunge of an osprey after a fish, and the glowing lights of downtown Coeur d’Alene reflecting across its waters at night. The perfect place to relax, enjoy, and visit with friends and colleagues. This year’s theme: **A Partnership for Quality: Unity in Diversity** uniquely describes the diverse membership of ACCET all coming together in harmony with the common focus of bettering our institutions and serving our students.

The Conference Planning Committee is proud to present a program that is diverse, educational, topical, and entertaining. The next three days are filled with sessions and events that you will not want to miss: Wednesday’s agenda includes two morning workshops, the Keynote Plenary Session with Dr. Sabrina Kay, ACCET’s Annual Business Meeting and the Exhibitor’s Reception. Thursday is packed with informative and thought-provoking breakouts followed by a cocktail reception. Friday features a seated breakfast Plenary Session with Keynote Speaker, Keith Zakarin and the presentation of the Thomas R. Tillia Community Service Award.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, this conference has been designed to leave you with the inspiration of new ideas, a renewed focus on the topical issues facing us as providers of quality education, and new and/or rekindled friendships. Thank you for choosing to join us!

Sandra N. Lockwood  
General Conference Chair  
Past Chair, ACCET Accrediting Commission

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8:00 am—5:00 pm  Registration Center Open  West Convention Center Lobby
10:00 am—4:00 pm  Exhibitor Sign-In and Setup  West Convention Center Lobby
8:45 am—11:45 am  Opening Conference Workshops

8:45 am—10:15 am  “Up Close and Personal with the ACCET Accreditation Staff and Commissioners”  Casco/Kidd/North Cape

Presenters:  ACCET Staff and Commissioners

This Round Table event has become an ACCET attendee favorite where each of ACCET’s Accreditation Coordinators host a table to share information on specific areas of interest to our attendees. Do you have questions about revised ACCET policies, branching, change of ownership, completion & placement, new programs, or financial review? Are you in the accreditation review cycle and need guidance? Ask our knowledgeable staff. All ACCET professional staff members will be available during this session. All Commissioners will also be available to answer questions. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to talk with our staff face to face about your areas of interest.

10:30 am—11:45 am  “Views from the Field”  Bay 1 & 2

Presenters: Dr. Bill Larkin, Executive Director, ACCET, Moderator
Steve Gunderson, President, CECU
Tom Netting, Executive Director, Federal Affairs, CSPEN
Dr. Leah Matthews, Executive Director, DEAC
Michelle Edwards, President, ACICS
Robert Johnson, Executive Director, CAPPS
Sara Davila, President, Pearson USA Ops

ACCET proudly presents a distinguished panel of dignitaries from accrediting agencies, state, and national organizations to share their expertise and offer their opinions on the latest trending topics in higher education. These recognized leaders will discuss varying viewpoints on specific items such as the intense scrutiny on the private for-profit sector, the impact of the new Washington Administration, student outcomes, issues facing intensive English schools, and the status of federal regulations as related to accreditation and accredited schools. Our sector continues to be in a state of confusing changes and proposals, both for Title IV schools and Intensive English programs. The results of the election the day before this session will elicit opinions from our superlative panel relative to the results of the election. There will also be an opportunity for Q & A from the audience.
As a serial entrepreneur, educator, fashion designer, and philanthropist, Dr. Sabrina Kay has led a diverse life and influenced thousands of millennial leaders. She came to America as a poor non-English speaking immigrant & single mom from South Korea. She dropped out of college and founded the Art Institute of Hollywood in a garage in Koreatown in Los Angeles. It was the nation’s first institution for computer-aided fashion design, & revolutionized fashion education. She sold it to a publicly traded company & retired in her 30s as a philanthropist.

Dr. Kay founded the Sabrina Kay Charitable Foundation and serves as chairman of After-School All-Stars Los Angeles. She has served on more than thirty civic and charitable boards including Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission, American Friends of the Louvre, Petersen Automotive Museum, the California Fashion Association, Getty House Foundation, Weingart Center, and the International Medical Corps Leadership Council. She continued her entrepreneurial endeavors and founded six additional businesses: Premier Business Bank, Fremont Private Investments, The Sabrina Kay Collection, Fashion Umbrella, LA Designs and Fremont College.

Currently, she is passionate about being Chancellor & CEO of Fremont College and Dale Carnegie of Southern LA, which she bought as a laboratory during her doctoral program at the Wharton School. Fremont College utilizes Dr. Kay’s dissertation on innovative and technology-driven learning models to bridge the gap between the classroom and the 21st-century workplace through pre- and post-employment training. As Chairman of Fremont Private Investments, Dr. Kay serves on the diverse boards of companies she has invested in as an effort to add value and inspire entrepreneurs to realize their full potential for growth.

Dr. Kay has received numerous awards, including the Visionary Award from Cedars Sinai Hospital and Fashion Industries Guild, the Education Award from After-School All-Stars presented by former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, United Nations Global Goals Award at the UN General Assembly by Novus Summit, the Humanitarian Award from International Medical Corps, and the Lifetime Education Leadership Award from Learning Consortium with Steve Wozniak and Sal Khan. She was inducted to Hall of Fame by California Association for Private Postsecondary Schools, named Woman of the Year by the California Legislature, Rising Asian Woman by the World Affairs Council, and was a finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young.

She is also a sought-after keynote speaker and guest lecturer on entrepreneurship and leadership, and has spoken at United Nations, LeanIn Conference, Social Media Week, Wharton School of Business, USC, UCLA, and was the 2017 Commencement Speaker of USC Marshall School of Business.

Dr. Kay received her joint doctorate degree in work-based learning leadership at the Wharton School and Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She holds double master's degrees: MBA from USC and a Master of Science in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania, all with highest honors. She is a lifetime member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society.
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3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Coffee Break West Convention Center Foyer

Peggy Tiderman, Chair of the ACCET Accrediting Commission, will preside over ACCET’s Annual Business Meeting, which will address matters pertinent to the business and activities of ACCET over the past year as well as a financial report. The Commission’s nominating committee will present its report and call for an election of Commissioners as specified in the Bylaws and requires a quorum of voting members and/or proxies. ACCET Executive Director, Dr. Bill Larkin, will deliver his annual report to the members.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm Annual Business Meeting Bay 1 & 2

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Exhibitors’ Grand Opening Reception Bay 3-5

The Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall is a favorite centerpiece of the conference as colleagues & vendors share information, renew friendships, and enjoy special cuisine and beverages. What better place to support the professionals who provide valuable services and products to our schools. Visit every booth to learn more about how they can contribute to the success of your institution and to be eligible for door prizes. ACCET’s signature “Secret Exhibitor” game is a highlight during the exhibit hours. You must be present to win!

ACCET appreciates the contribution and participation of our exhibitors.
Thursday, November 8, 2018

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration Center Open  West Convention Center Lobby
8:00 am – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors  Bay 3-5
9:00 am – 10:15 am  Morning Breakouts

Breakout 1: “Conversation of Leaders: A Roundtable for Campus Leaders“  Bay 6

Are you a CEO, Campus President/Director, corporate executive, regional director or campus department manager? You're invited to join ACCET membership leaders and ACCET staff leaders in a round table discussion focused on challenges in the industry, changing regulations, and fostering a culture of compliance sustainability. This conversation will encourage open discussion of topics of interest to the leaders of ACCET and our schools. This is a focus group opportunity for direct discussion.

Presenters: Peggy Tiderman, Commission Chair (Moderator)
Dr. Bill Larkin, Executive Director, ACCET
John Shaheen, Associate Executive Director, ACCET
Linsay Oakden, Assistant Executive Director, ACCET
Rick Wood, President/CEO, Select Education Group, ACCET Commissioner
Jon Andon, CFO, Summit College
Brenda Robati, CEO, The Language Company
LeeAnn Rohmann, CEO, High Desert Medical College

Breakout 2: “Innovative Approaches to IDL & eLearning”  North Cape Bay

Is your school offering IDL or eLearning programs? Are you thinking about updating or enhancing your instructional strategies? If you are, then attend this session to learn about innovative approaches to IDL and eLearning that other ACCET member institutions are integrating into their programs. Join us to learn more about the IDL and eLearning environments from our panel of experts! This session is for vocational, avocational, and intensive English programs members.

Breakout 3: “The Evolving World of Accreditation, Now & in the Future”  Casco Bay

With the regulatory, marketplace, and workplace environment changing in unprecedented ways, what will be the role of accreditation in the future? Hear the experts who follow the latest trends. Peer review accreditation is facing many opportunities and challenges including:

- Increased review from state and federal agencies;
- The cost of education;
- Litigation challenges;
- The changing needs of the marketplace and workplace;
- The question as to whether accreditation serves a useful purpose and will it continue.
This session will focus on some of the more challenging aspects of ACCET Standard VIII as it applies to intensive English programs. A workshop atmosphere will give participants the opportunity to examine case studies and engage in meaningful discussions with industry colleagues which highlight typical issues, complications, and/or puzzling practices encountered in the area of Student Achievement and Assessment. Specific topics emphasized will include:

- Reconciling Student’s Grades with Actual Performance
- “The New Normal” – Negotiating the Reality of Reduced Enrollments, Mixed Levels, and Differentiated Instruction
- Addressing “Progress & Plateauing” at the Top Proficiency Range
- Your SAP Policy: Is it compliant, user friendly for students, and reflective of actual practice? Is your level repeat policy/practice educationally sound?

10:45 am – 12:00 Morning Breakouts

Breakout 1: “Admissions & Marketing: Speed Dating for Success” Bay 6

Presenters: Vince Norton, Managing Partner, Norton Norris, Moderator
Jean Norris, Managing Partner, Norton Norris
Richard McColloch, President, Tribeca Marketing Group
Scott Aaron, President, Carolina Career College
J. P. Smith, President, Celsius
Bob Allen, VP, Mikhail Education Group

Join a panel of admissions and marketing experts to examine and debate the delicate balance between inquiry and conversion activity. Hear our experts’ opinions and sector best practices regarding (in Jimmy’s Buffet’s words) “Questions that bother me so.”

- Why don’t more schools embrace drip marketing / nurturing?
- Is a phone conversation that encourages a face to face interview the only approach we can use?
- How are schools engaging prospects early in the decision-making process?
- How can admissions create a “new carrot” or does EVERYONE have to come in for the same ol’ admissions interview?
- What marketing efforts generate inquiries that enroll?


Presenters: Sara Davila: President, Pearson USA Operations
Carol Crehan, Accreditation Coordinator, Moderator

Intensive English Programs (IEPs) are currently faced with a wide number of challenges. According to the 2018 NAFSA report on trends in international enrollment, the US saw a decline of 20% last year alone. The consequences that face many programs range from a need for improved metrics on learner progress to developing, sustaining, and growing mixed ability courses to address the needs of a changing student population. In this session we will explore some of the specific areas of concerns for IEP programs: practical research support solutions that address the needs of mixed classrooms while supporting progress of all students; how to incorporate measurements and reports at the curriculum level, prior to students assessment; and finally, we will address how to develop new courses targeted at areas of growth to support and maintain business as the landscape changes.

Presenters:  
Manny Washington, AVP Business Development, Pearson Learning Solutions  
Jami Walker, Executive Regional Manager, Elsevier  
Jim Walsh, Executive Sales Director, Goodheart-Willcox  
Leigh B. Wells, VP. Business Development, FA Davis Company  
Alan Hensley, VP, National Sales Manager, McGraw Hill  
Dana Van Laeys, VP, Educational Development, NCCT  
Dr. Mary Clare Di Giacomo, ACCET Sr. Accreditation Coordinator, Moderator

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Breakout 3: “Tools to Help Launch or Improve Your IDL Program”  

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Join several well-known publishers of IDL and eLearning tools to learn about their products, the latest trends in IDL technology & materials, and online assessment for certification. What are the approaches that their clients are using for greater success in their programs from platforms and technology; and what strategies motivate students to stay with the programs and to complete their studies?

Breakout 4: “In Case of Emergency: Disaster Preparedness”  

Presenters:  
Donna Hutchison, Senior Accreditation Coordinator  
Yadexy Sierra, Chief Operating Officer, Mech-Tech College, Caguas, Puerto Rico  
Adam Liss, President, Global Village, Honolulu, Hawaii

Given the heightened intensity of natural disasters over the past few years, disaster preparedness and emergency plans have become even more important. And while we hope you never need to implement them, this session will provide insight into what really matters at the time of school evacuation and closure. Sit in on this session to learn from the experience of schools that were dramatically affected by recent hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Noon – 1:30 pm Buffet Lunch with Exhibitors  
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Afternoon Breakouts

Breakout 1 “Community Service Project Presentation”  

Presenters:  
Linsay Oakden, Assistant Executive Director  
Carol Crehan, Accreditation Coordinator  
Member institutions

Hear from member institutions with a unique, spirited, and successful record of community service. Be sure to stick around for the Friday closing session which will include presentation of the annual Thomas R. Tillia Community Service Award. The award finalists will present at this session and will share the benefits of community engagement as it relates to school sustainability, student outcomes, and partnership development.

Breakout 2 “Now What Do We Do – Beyond the Election of 2018”: (Global Federal Overview for Title IV Participants)  

Presenters:  
David Vice, CEO, Asher College, Moderator  
Steve Gunderson, President, CECU  
Keith Zakarin, Partner, Duane Morris  
Sally Samuels, VP, FAME

This session could not happen at a better time! Just two days after the nation’s mid-term election, we want to do an initial look at its impact on our sector. David Vice, Asher College, will moderate a panel of nationally-known leaders, Steve Gunderson, Sally Samuels, and Keith Zakarin as they begin to look at the election’s meaning for us. Can the Department continue its de-regulation agenda? Will the Congress finally re-authorize the Higher Education Act? And if so, will the election result in new legislative attacks on our sector, especially in the House? Join us for this important conversation about both what it means; and how we should respond.
Breakout 3 “SEVP: An Information Session for IEP’s” Kidd Island

Presenters: Colin Daniel, SEVP field representative
            Sasha Zilovic, Executive Vice President, ELS, ACCET Commissioner
            Jim Doran, Senior Accreditation Coordinator

The Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) representative will discuss information on topical issues, share upcoming guidance, and discuss best practices for Intensive English Programs and program updates. Following a brief presentation, the SEVP representative will take questions from the audience.

Breakout 4: “Initial Applicants Mentorship—Round Table” North Cape Bay

Presenters: Edward Rabinovich, Asst. School Director, Manhattan School of Computer Tech
            Rabbi Chaim Waldman, President, Elyon College
            Peter Mikhail President/CEO Mikhail Education Corporation, ACCET Commissioner
            Sal Younis, Campus President, Institute for Business and Technology
            Marina Isounts, President, Southern California Health Institute
            Sean Najarian, Head of Compliance, Southern California Health Institute
            Dr. Donna Newberg-Long, Exec. Director, Gradalis Waldorf Consulting & Svc, LLC
            José Solórzano, Manager, Industry Solutions—The Americas, International Air
            Transport Association (IATA) Training Centers
            John Shaheen, Associate Executive Director
            Scott Faulstick, Senior Accreditation Coordinator
            Megan Ackerman-Yost, Senior Accreditation Coordinator
            Maia Williams, Accreditation Coordinator

Navigating the road to accreditation can be tough, but this session will help guide new applicants through accreditation roadblocks and detours. Bring your questions and our panel of experts will be ready to provide answers.

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm Afternoon Workshops

Breakout 1 “Are you Using the “Latest and Greatest” Trends in Software Tools?” Casco Bay

Presenters: Tom Hartman, EVP Course Key Education
            Ted Therriault, CEO, School Vision
            Alex Arthur, VP Sales & Marketing, Orbund Software
            Julia Brown, VP, FAME
            Rhonda Daly-Dolan, Senior Sales & Client Relations Director, FAS/Genesis
            Shoukry Tiab, COO, International Education Corporation, Moderator

Don't pass up this session just because you already have software systems! Technology changes constantly and you may be missing out on some of the most innovative tools available to help you manage your administrative functions in novel ways. Experts will share their offerings to help you evaluate and consider adopting a new system or modifying or supplementing your current platforms.
Breakout 2 “Audit Proof Practices for Title IV”  
Bay 6

Presenters:
Megan Ackerman-Yost, Senior. Accreditation Coordinator, Moderator
Rick Wood, CEO, Select Education group, ACCET Commissioner, Moderator
Peter Mikhail President/CEO Mikhail Education Corporation, ACCET Commissioner
Laura Bouche, Dir. of Title IV Admin. & Compliance, Select Education Group
Eileen Keller, CPA, Partner Salmon Sims Thomas
Brett Ingle, Audit Partner, Weworski & Assoc.

Do you worry about getting SFA audit findings, or are you concerned that your SFA audit isn’t sufficiently robust enough to prepare you for a Program Review? This session will provide information on how to choose an auditor, common findings in SFA audits, and best practices that lead to finding-free audits and preserving the integrity of the Title IV process.

Breakout 3 “What do you want from your accrediting agency?”  
Kidd Island

Presenters:
Cristina Rodarte, Accreditation Coordinator
Alena Nye, Owner & Executive Director of English Language Institute
Stacey Orozco, RN, CEO/President, Contra Costa Medical Career College, Inc.

Whether you are new to accreditation, new to ACCET, or you are a long-term ACCET member, we are interested in hearing from you. What do you want from your accrediting agency? This session will provide opportunities for members to share thoughts, suggestions, and best practices for strengthening the relationship with ACCET.

Breakout 4 “Why won’t you call me back?  
Maintaining the Alumni Connection”  
North Cape Bay

Presenters:
Stephen Barkley, Accreditation Coordinator
Sal Ferrara, President, Electrical Training Center
Ashton Cudjoe, President & CEO Hawaii Medical College
Dominic Sheppard, Director, New Age Training
Dainah Craft, CEO, Indiana College of Sports & Medical Massage

Sometimes placing students in the field isn't the hardest part of the career services department. Getting alumni to respond, call back, and sign documents after graduation can be a struggle. Check out this session to learn how other vocational schools are keeping in touch with graduates and fostering a life-long relationship with alumni.

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
Happy Hour Cocktail Reception  
The Shore Room

Join the ACCET Commissioners and Staff, the Conference Planning Committee and your fellow colleagues for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres overlooking the beautiful Coeur d’Alene lake.
Program

Friday, November 9, 2017

8:30 am – 10:30 am  Keynote Plenary Session  Bay 4 & 5

“The Sanction of the Victim”

Keynote Speaker: Keith Zakarin, Chair, Duane Morris Education Practice Group

Keith Zakarin is a well-known attorney with broad knowledge of our sector. His unique sense of humor makes his presentations memorable. Keith's presentations are candid, funny and far from politically correct. He says what he thinks.

Very few professionals know more about our sector than today's keynote speaker. He has national renown from coast to coast and is a widely-sought speaker.

Keith is the chair of Duane Morris' Education Practice Group. Mr. Zakarin exclusively represents private postsecondary schools and colleges, including career, avocational, and Intensive English programs. His representation of these schools nationwide includes such diverse areas of law as student and employee litigation, regulatory and administrative counseling and litigation, mergers and acquisitions, accreditation counseling and advocacy, employment counseling, and risk management.

Keith and his wife also owned and operated an accredited college for 15 years.

Mr. Zakarin is a 1986 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and a summa cum laude graduate of the University of California at San Diego.

Spotlight on Commissioners:

Hear from the Commissioners who Chair the three key Commission Committees and the internal Staff Liaisons who together to prepare the work for Commission review. They will describe their roles and introduce the Commissioners who serve on these three committees: Financial Review; Completion & Placement; and Standards & Policies Review.

Financial Review Committee: Rick Wood, Commission Chair and Megan Ackerman-Yost, ACCET Staff Liaison;
Completion & Placement: Liz Schaefer, Commission Chair and Linsay Oakden, ACCET Staff Liaison;
Standards & Policies Review: Peggy Tiderman, Commission Chair and Judy Hendrickson, ACCET Staff Liaison

Presentation of the Thomas R. Tillia Community Service Award

To close our Annual Conference, the finalists for this year's Thomas R. Tillia Community Service Award will be recognized and the winner will be announced. The winner will give a presentation on the ongoing impact of its efforts to impact its local community by benefitting the people, the infrastructure and/or the natural environment.

Conference concludes at 10:30am.
Special Recognition

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Derek Kindle, Treasurer
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