

Agenda & Session Descriptions

Embassy Suites -- Cary

April 20-22, 2026

MONDAY, April 20, 2026

11:00am-5:00pm

Registration -

Registration and check-in for conference.

1:00pm-1:20pm

Welcome - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Scott Ralls - Don't miss the kickoff to our 2026 Spring Conference in the Research Triangle! We're starting strong with an opening welcome from Dr. Scott Ralls, President of Wake Tech, and Libba Thomas, ACCBO President. You'll also get the chance to meet our wonderful conference sponsor representatives who help make this event possible. And yes... we're starting the fun early! We'll draw our first giveaway winner during the session— ✨ Must be present to win! ✨ Get ready—this is just the beginning of an amazing conference!

1:20pm-1:30pm

Break -

1:30pm-2:30pm

Financial Stewardship of Federal Grant Funds - Tanglewood

Rebecca Badgett - Grant Management and Indirect Costs

Write-Offs/Debt Setoff - Pinehurst

Jessica Vickrey - NCC Community College Setoff & Write-Off Procedures Master the essentials of clearing unpaid student balances through the North Carolina Debt Setoff Clearinghouse and NCDOR. This session covers compliant debt submission, processing timelines, and best practices for proper write-off procedures, ensuring accurate fiscal reporting

Employment Law Update Part 1 - Mendenhall/Bellamy

S. McKinley Gray - Ward & Smith will be presenting a session on employment law updates.

Grant's Ask Me Anything About Purchasing - Hope/Biltmore

Grant Braley - Assorted purchasing topics - bring your questions and let's talk about it!

2:30pm-3:00pm

Vendor Break - Reynolds/Cameron/Smith

3:00pm-4:00pm

Recent GASBs (87, 96, 101, 102, and Grouped Assets) - Tanglewood

Andrew Beamon & Tyler Fry - Auditor discussions on recently implemented GASBs (87 Leases, 96 SBITAs, 101 Compensated Absences, 102 Certain Risk Disclosures, and IG 2021-1 Question 5.1 Grouped Assets).

Sponsorship - Pinehurst

Jonathan Schulz - This session provides a comprehensive overview of Third-Party Sponsorship Billing, guiding attendees through the full lifecycle—from initial creation and setup to ongoing management and final payment processing. Participants will learn best practices for establishing sponsor agreements, configuring billing structures, tracking charges, and ensuring accurate invoicing and timely reconciliation.

Employment Law Update Part 2 - Mendenhall/Bellamy

S. McKinley Gray - Ward & Smith

Quality Acceptance Inspection - Hope/Biltmore

Christopher Winstead - Equipment quality inspections.

CFO Forum - Cape Hatteras

Libba Thomas - Open discussion

4:00pm-4:10pm

Break -

4:10pm-5:00pm

GASB Update (103, 104, and 105) - Tanglewood

TBA - OSC presents upcoming GASBs (103 Financial Reporting Model Improvements, 104 Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets, and 105 Subsequent Events).

Workforce Pell - Pinehurst

TBA - This session will provide will provide a practical overview of Workforce Pell and its implications for both student services and workforce operations.

Payroll Corrections - Mendenhall/Bellamy

Pam Stutts - Navigating through hiccups and oops in Colleague. Are you new to Colleague HR/PR or just need a refresher course on what mnemonic to use to make corrections in Colleague? You are in luck! We will be sharing information on what mnemonics to use for correcting these little hiccups.

Quality Acceptance Inspection - Continued - Hope/Biltmore

Christopher Winstead - Continuation of the Quality Acceptance Inspection session. Please bring questions. (May not last entire 60 minutes - depending on audience participation)

CFO Forum - Cape Hatteras

Libba Thomas - Open discussion

6:00pm-7:30pm

Vendor Social - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Come one, come all! Let's mix and mingle with our vendors and show our appreciation for their support! (Reminder: All event bars are CASHLESS - no cash accepted.)

TUESDAY, April 21, 2026

7:30am-8:30am

Breakfast -

8:30am-9:20am

Banner Cleanup/Prep -

TBA -

8:30am-5:00pm

Registration -

9:20am-9:30am

Break -

9:30am-10:30am

Finance Roundtable - Tanglewood

Kathi Riffe - Do you have questions? We'll try to answer them! I don't profess to be an expert but I know people who are! Come ask questions or listen to others ask theirs and we'll all learn together!

Timeclock Plus - Mendenhall/Bellamy

LaToya McCandies & Sabra Smith - Join us for a session on Timeclock Plus Tips and Tricks, Do's and Don'ts! Learn from the experts!

e-Procurement - Hope/Biltmore

Jeff Singer & Amanda Meyer - All things e-Procurement

Partners in Fraud Prevention - Cape Hatteras

Nicole Dotson - Presenter: Nicole Dotson Summary: The U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Investigation Services will provide an overview of ED OIG and discuss sources of allegations, indicators of fraud, examples of fraud schemes, best practices to reduce the risk of fraud, and how to contact ED OIG. There will be a question-and-answer session at the end of the presentation.

10:30am-11:00am

Vendor Break - Reynolds/Cameron/Smith

11:00am-12:00pm

Sales & Use Tax - Tanglewood

Kim Lawson -

AR/CR Maintenance -

Jennifer Luffman -

Payroll Roundtable with Panelist - Mendenhall/Bellamy

Suzi Jaikaran - In this session, the panelists will be answering and discussing questions and topics submitted by the participants. The informal session will be led by a panel of Community College and System Office staff.

Capital Reimbursements/Capital Ask Me Anything - Hope/Biltmore

Sona Nyaichyai & Angela Dorman - This session covers common errors found on capital reimbursements as well as upcoming changes to the capital reimbursement and project submission process. The remaining session will be open capital topics in an "Ask Me Anything" type forum. You can ask questions about funding types, what expenditures are allowed/disallowed with state funds, 'how do I...', 'who can I call for...', Interscope, SCO, OSBM, - anything you can think of - we will do our best to give you an answer.

Drum for Change Team Building - Cape Hatteras

Greg Whitt - Music is the metaphor for communication, connection, and collaboration. Programs are designed for bonding through shared experiences that are connective rather than competitive. We'll incorporate your message into our program for personalization and pizzazz!

12:00pm-1:30pm

Lunch - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

1:30pm-2:30pm

Preparing for an AI-Integrated Workforce (Part 1) - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Lane Freeman - Artificial Intelligence is rapidly reshaping the modern workplace, and community college business offices are not exempt from this shift. This interactive session provides a practical overview of AI—what it is, where it came from, and how it is already transforming workforce expectations across industries. Participants will gain clarity on how AI is influencing instruction, institutional operations, and the evolving skillsets our graduates must possess. We will explore real-world use cases for AI in budgeting, reporting, communication, workflow efficiency, and data-informed decision-making. The session will also address governance, data security, and policy considerations, as well as how AI may influence recruiting, job descriptions, and staffing models. Attendees will leave with actionable ideas and a clearer understanding of how to responsibly and strategically integrate AI into administrative operations.

2:30pm-3:30pm

Preparing for an AI-Integrated Workforce (Part 2) - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

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Reducing Paper Check Delays: Direct Deposit and eChecks - Tanglewood

Christian Barba -

AR/CR Rountable - Pinehurst

Kisha Simpson - This interactive AR/CR (Accounts Receivable / Cash Receipts) roundtable session brings finance professionals together for an open, solution-focused discussion on today's most pressing receivables challenges. Designed as a collaborative forum rather than a lecture, attendees will share experiences, best practices, and practical strategies. Come prepared to contribute, ask questions, and leave with ideas you can immediately apply

Military Leave with Fayetteville Tech - Mendenhall/Bellamy

Richard Barnes - Join us for a discussion on Military Leave Deployments, Involuntary and Voluntary.

Roundtable Discussion - Hope/Biltmore

Wade Quinn, Grant Braley, Angela Dorman, Todd Dunn, Beth Green - Join us for open discussion of all equipment, purchasing, and capital questions, concerns, and needs. Bring all your questions, concerns, ideas, and thoughts, and we will talk about it.

Drum for Change- Wellness - Cape Hatteras

Greg Whitt - Improve social and mental well being through creative self-expression. Reduce stress and burnout, feelings of isolation and anxiety, and costs associated with presenteeism and turnover. Greg is trained to deliver several evidence-based approaches with positive impact. These researched-based approaches include heathRHYTHMS, DRUMBEAT, Rhythm2Recovery, and his own Elements of Rhythm programs.

5:30pm-6:30pm

Social Hour - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Come and enjoy socializing with other community college professionals! (Reminder: All event bars are CASHLESS - no cash accepted.)

6:30pm-11:00pm

Banquet - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Come and enjoy dinner with your peers followed by the band, Love Tribe. (Reminder: All event bars are CASHLESS - no cash accepted.)

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2026

7:30am-8:30am

Breakfast -

8:30am-9:00am

Update from the NC Association for Community College Presidents - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

Brent Barbee - Brent Barbee, former CFO and ACCBO member and current President of Richmond Community College, will provide an overview of the NCAACCP and how their work impacts and supports all colleges within the system.

9:00am-9:30am

Break (Checkout) - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

TBA -

9:30am-10:00am

Dr. Kimberly Gold - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

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10:00am-10:30am

Business Meeting - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

TBA -

10:30am-11:00am

System Office Update - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

TBA -

11:00am-12:00pm

Closing Giveaways - Blowing Rock/Chimney Rock

TBA -