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## From the RP Group

### Meet Your New 2017-2019 RP Group Board of Directors!

The RP Group announces many new changes to our Board of Directors, including welcoming newly elected and re-elected members, each serving a term of two years.

Congratulations to newcomers Lijuan Zhai, Natalia Córdoba-Velásquez, and James Todd, who all join the board to represent our California Community Colleges' Northern Region. We also welcome back Lisa Wang, who will continue to represent the Southern Region, and congratulate those board members who are changing roles.

Board members work internally as a group and externally on committees to improve planning, evidence-based decision-making, institutional effectiveness, and success for all students throughout California Community Colleges.

A full list of the 2017-2019 Board of Directors can be found on the [RP Group website](#) and you can read more about our new board members and other board changes in [this press release](#).

### Thank You Matt and Rick for Your RP Group Service!

We extend a heartfelt thanks and our gratitude to departing board members Rick Fillman and Matthew Wetsstein for their commitment and contribution to the RP Group.

#### **Matthew Wetsstein**

President 2014-2016, Vice President 2012-2014, At-Large Member 2011-2012  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction, San Joaquin Delta College

As Board President, Matt led the organization through a number of critical junctures, including the development of its current strategic plan and its involvement and representation in several significant statewide initiatives. In addition to visionary leadership, dedication, and tireless advocacy for the field, Matt brought an innovative approach, a quick wit, and an undying love for the Saint Louis Cardinals to his work on the board. The RP Group Board of Directors and staff wishes Matt the greatest success in his future endeavors.

#### **Rick Fillman**

Northern California At-Large Member 2013-2017, Co-Chair, RP Awards Committee 2013-2017  
Director of Research, City College of San Francisco

After years in database tools software development (remember dBase?), Rick spent the last 11 years in IR "coaxing stories from data," first at Cabrillo, then moving to CCSF as Director of Research in 2014. During the four years Rick served on the RP Group Board of Directors, he provided insights, contributions, and invaluable knowledge and wisdom. Thank you, Rick, for your dedication and service!

## Don't Wait to Register: Strengthening Student Success 2017 is Filling Up!

Registration is open for the RP Group's 2017 Strengthening Student Success Conference! This is the place to make new friends, learn valuable new information, and be inspired by our speakers. Space is limited at this conference and tickets sell out early so we encourage those who want to register, to do so before fall.



The Strengthening Student Success Conference is presented in collaboration with 3CSN, Career Ladders Project, and LearningWorks.

**Register for the Conference!**

**Strengthening Student Success Conference | Committing to Our Future  
October 11-13 | Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport | Burlingame, CA**

### Pair Your SSSC 2017 With a Workshop!

Nothing "goes" with your Strengthening Student Success Conference registration better than adding a hands-on workshop to the last day of your learning experience. Peruse the workshops below and [go here for more information](#) and to register! Please note that RP Group members receive reduced rates on conference registration and most workshops.

- An Inclusive Front Door: Strategies for Ensuring Smooth Transitions and Early Success in Community College for All Californians
- Equity Focus Groups: What Students Are Saying and How You Can Engage Them
- California Guided Pathways: Achieving Equity in College Completion
- Learning as Leadership: How to Build Organizational Capacity and Coherence from the Ground Up
- Equity as an Organizational Framework: A Student-Centered Approach For Success
- Showcase of Growth Mindset and Habits of Mind Practices and Programs
- IEPI Workshop: The Art and Heart of Data Disaggregation: Exploring Students' Complex Identities (note: this workshop has a separate registration link.)

**Friday, October 13 | 9 am - 1 pm | Cost: \$75 - \$160**

### 2018 Summer Institute -- Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that we have confirmed our [2018 Summer Institute!](#) Details are below and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

**June 10-14, 2018 | Kellogg West Conference Center and Hotel | Pomona, CA**

### New Higher Ed Jobs

We encourage you to visit our [Jobs in the Field](#) page on our website for a list of recently posted job opportunities such as analyst positions, director positions, and more.

## From Our Partners

### CAIR Conference 2017: Speakers, Registration, and More



CAIR has announced the keynote speakers for the 42nd Annual CAIR Conference 2017. The conference is also now [accepting proposals](#), which are due August 1st. For more information and to register for the conference, [visit CAIR's website](#).

### Special, Exclusive Webinar for CAIR Members

Join your fellow CAIR cohorts on July 20th for a [webinar on transfer students](#) from Rapid Insight. Details are below:

Tracking, Predicting and Improving the Journey of Transfer Students with Rapid Insight Analytics | July 20 | 9:30 am

### Professional Learning Institute: Building Academic Literacies

Join educators from Northern California's two-year colleges and Adult Basic Education programs to [learn about two frameworks](#) that support adult literacy development in a range of learning contexts. Santa Rosa Junior College, Literacyworks, West Ed, and the California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) are sponsoring this two-day workshop to support educators in helping their students acquire and deepen the academic literacy skills and mindsets necessary to reach their learning objectives.



August 14-15 | Santa Rosa Junior College

### Submit Your News to the RP Super Brief!

*If you would like to include information in a future RP Super Brief about opportunities or resources that increase the capacity of California Community Colleges to support student success, please send your announcement (a title, a two or three-line description, and any photos, logos and links) to [oloy@rpgroup.org](mailto:oloy@rpgroup.org) by the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.*



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