

Call for Proposals



32nd Annual Conference September 27-30, San Antonio, Texas

The National College Learning Center Association defines a learning center at institutions of higher education as interactive academic spaces which exist to reinforce and extend student learning in physical and/or virtual environments. Such spaces are designed to reinforce the holistic academic growth of students by fostering critical thinking, metacognitive development, and academic and personal success.

With this in mind, the NCLCA Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee are excited to announce this year's theme, **Remember the Student! Making a Stand for Student Success**. The theme acknowledges the student-centered role learning centers play at institutions of higher education.

Our Keynote



NCLCA is pleased to welcome the energetic and engaging Marci Powell, CEO and President of Marci Powell & Associates as keynote speaker.

Marci is an expert in the field of educational technology with extensive experience in applications related to lifelong learning and innovation. She has been inducted into the Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA) and United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) Halls of Fame and most recently was recognized as a European Distance and Elearning Network (EDEN) Fellow for her distinguish contributions to the European learning field. She is Chair Emerita and Past President of the USDLA and currently chairs the Global Partnership Committee. Marci also sits on the High Level Advisory Board of the International Council for Open and Distance Education. Higher Ed Tech Decisions named her as a 2014 Top 10 Leaders in Higher Education.

With over 25 years of progressive leadership and management serving as an advisor to public and private sectors in the Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia Pacific, Marci Powell will share global best practices in digital learning with a student-centered focus!

Our Conference Host

NCLCA is proud to announce that the historic Menger Hotel will host the 32nd annual conference. The Menger is the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi, is steps away from the Alamo, and is situated on San Antonio's world-renowned River Walk.

Featuring an exquisite, three-story Victorian lobby and 19th century architecture, a Spanish courtyard garden, and gracious service coupled with modern amenities, the Menger's sensibilities fit the personal approach that makes NCLCA unique.

Conference Proposals

We are seeking proposals for sessions that are closely focused on issues of learning center administration. Do you have experience to share concerning practice, research or theory? How does your learning center represent the students at your institution? How do you engage those students?

Proposals in the past have centered on topics such as:

- Best practices
- Student success and retention
- Program/center start-up
- Program/center assessment
- Tutor/mentor/consultant/SI Leader training
- Hiring and staffing
- Funding
- Campus partnerships
- Marketing
- Early academic alert and intervention programs
- Documenting your successes
- First year or second year student programs
- Programs designed for at-risk populations
- Programs designed for specific populations (online learners, transfer students, international students, athletes, students with disabilities, etc.)
- Technology

Concurrent sessions are 60 minutes in duration. Presenters will conduct a formal, in-depth presentation (often supported by electronic media) that will ideally include time for discussion as well as supplementary materials.

- **Sample concurrent session proposal ([PDF](#))**

Poster sessions will take place during scheduled 15-minute blocks in which attendees can participate in informal conversations with presenters who have prepared a poster and supplementary materials.

- **Sample poster session proposal ([PDF](#))**

Mini-engagement sessions will take place between concurrent sessions in scheduled 15-minute blocks where presenters demonstrate their favorite student-centered engagement activity. These sessions should present a mini-lesson in a memorable, active way, demonstrating quick activities which participants can immediately use in their trainings, workshops, and more.

- **Sample mini-engagement session ([PDF](#))**

For the convenience of the attendees, presenters will provide their materials for publication on the NCLCA website after the conference.

[Click here to submit proposals electronically.](#)

All proposals will be submitted to a committee for review. The committee will be judging based on the following criteria, and will judge a proposal as “accepted,” “rejected,” or “returned with revision suggestions.”

- Does the proposal address a topic that is specifically tied to issues relevant to learning center administration and relevant to an audience of learning center professionals?
- Specific to concurrent sessions: Does the proposal describe an interesting and interactive method of presentation that encourages participants to apply new information to their own centers?
- Specific to mini-engagement session: Is the proposal immediately applicable to most learning center spaces? Does it make participants think?
- If applicable, is there positive feedback from past NCLCA conference presentations?

The deadline for submitting proposals is
Friday, May 26, 2017.

Late submissions may be considered if space is available, but no extensions are planned.

If you have any questions about developing and/or submitting a proposal, please contact Diana Garland (DianaGarland@MissouriState.edu), NCLCA Professional Development Officer.

Any other questions about the conference can be directed to Michael Frizell, Vice President and Conference Chair (MichaelFrizell@Missouristate.edu).

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Sincerely,



Michael Frizell

Vice President/Conference Chair/TLAR Editor

