



**NORTH CAROLINA ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

**NCOSS Spring Conference**  
**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 – 12:30, through Zoom**

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### **Schedule at a Glance**

<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>Opening Session with Dr. Miatudila</b>
<b>9:40-10:10</b>	<b>Concurrent Session A</b>
<b>10:20-10:50</b>	<b>Concurrent Session B</b>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Concurrent Session C</b>
<b>11:40-12:20</b>	<b>Closing Session with Marsi Franceschini</b>

### **Featured Speakers**



**Professor Marsi Franceschini is the Director of Special Projects with the NC Student Success Center. In this role, she serves as the Director for Faculty Professional Development, RISE, and CCRG.**



**Dr. Alain Miatudila, Associate Dean of Engineering at CPCC, is the 2020 NCOSS Outstanding Alumnus from a Student Success Program. He will share the important role developmental education has played in his life.**

**Opening Session  
9:00-9:30**

**A Student's Perspective: The Impact of Developmental Education  
Presented by Dr. Alain Miatudila at Central Piedmont Community College**

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**Concurrent Session A  
9:40-10:10**

**Creative Writing Tools as Gateways for Transition Students  
Presented by Kelli Allen at Wake Technical Community College**

**Students in transition courses often enter classrooms with degrees of worry and guardedness that traditional college students do not experience. Creative writing exercises in these courses encourage students to explore language and communication on a personal level, easing anxiety and opening paths for writing skills, critical, empathetic reasoning, and reading skills.**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Strategic Integration in the New Normal  
Presented by Dr. Wes Anthony at Cleveland Community College**

**This presentation will discuss student support services in higher education's New Normal. It will include themes and promising practices.**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Concurrent Session B**  
**10:20-10:50**

**Q&A with Dr. Miatudila**

**Presented by Dr. Miatudila at Central Piedmont Community College**

**This session is a follow up to the presentation delivered by our opening speaker. Please take advantage of this opportunity for a chance to ask questions and congratulate our 2021 Outstanding Alumnus award winner.**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Innovatively Connect in a Digitally Distant World Through Personalized Learning**

**Presented by Joel T. Johnson at Let Me Learn**

**Connect authentically with learners by assessing learning behaviors and cataloguing their metacognition. Join an interactive session to explore how self-awareness and personalized learning can be used as approaches to meet the challenges you face.**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Concurrent Session C**  
**11:00-11:30**

**Validation: A Key Element for Teaching African American Male College Students**

**Presented by Dr. Tony Emetu at Central Piedmont Community College**

The purpose of this presentation is to discuss barriers encountered by African American male college students and identify validation as a vital component to supporting their academic progression. The presentation will conclude with recommendations for teaching practitioners as well as the potential impact of online courses upon this demographic subgroup.

[Zoom Link](#)

**Sending Out an SOS: Signals of Success, a Homegrown Early Alert System**

**Presented by Dr. Jenny Billings and Melissa Reid at Rowan Cabarrus Community College**

The Chairs of English and Math were tasked with developing an early alert system that was user-friendly, created in-house, and cost-effective. Using traffic signals to indicate students' progress, Academics worked alongside IT and Tutoring. This effort increased communication, recordkeeping, faculty participation, and success.

[Zoom Link](#)

**Closing Session**

**11:40-12:20**

**RISE and CPCC Updates from NCCCS**

**Presented by Marsi Franceschini at Central Piedmont Community College**

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