



2025 Best Practices Symposium
"Teaming Up: Working Together
for a Strong Learning Community Program"
Waubonsee Community College
Friday, April 4, 2025



Breakfast & Registration: 8:00 – 8:45 AM	APC110D	
Welcoming Remarks 8:45 – 9:00 AM	Amy Chaaban, Waubonsee Community College Dr. Sharon Garcia, Assistant Provost of Teaching and Learning, Waubonsee Community College Charles Pastors, Acting Executive Director, CILC	
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Morning Plenary Session 9:00 – 10:15 AM	“Waubonsee Learning Communities Student Panel,” Steve Zusman and Aaron Lawler, Waubonsee Community College	
APC 160		APC 170
Breakout I 10:30 – 11:30 AM	“Assessing Student Engagement as a Community of Learners,” Shiela Venkataswamy and Toni Countryman, McHenry County College	“We’re All ‘Cringe’ and That’s Okay,” Paige Lush and Robert McCord, McHenry County College
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Lunch: 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM		
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Afternoon Plenary Session 12:30 – 1:45 PM	“From LC Program Plagues to Practical Processes: Shifting the Spotlight to Solutions for Stability,” James Allen, College of DuPage, Dawn McKinley, Harper College, Kate Midday, McHenry County College, Charles Pastors, <i>QUEST</i>	
APC 160		APC 170
Breakout III 2:00 – 3:00 PM	“Welcoming Sister Institutions into the Fold,” Steve Zusman, Aaron Lawler, Waubonsee Community College, Kate Midday, McHenry County College	“Promoting Civic Engagement through the Facilitation of Meaningful Conversations,” Jennifer Armstrong and Mariaton Tate, Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago
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Further conversation and Wrap-Up 3:00 – 3:30 PM		