Santa Monica College Benefits and Retirement Conference
Friday, November 22, 2019
Santa Monica College | 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica

Schedule

8:45 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:10 – 9:25 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Room: HSS 105
Harry Keiley, CalSTRS Teachers’ Retirement Board Vice Chair
Peter Morse, FACCC Retirement Committee Chair & SMC Faculty Association

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  Concurrent Session 1

A.  Room: HSS 151
Part-Time Faculty Retirement Essentials
Speaker: Arjuna Singh, Defined Contribution Benefits Specialist, CalSTRS

Learn about your choice of CalSTRS retirement programs, benefits and the services available to you as a part-time educator in this informative workshop. You’ll learn:

- How the Defined Benefit and Cash Balance Programs differ.
- About the disability and survivor benefits available to you.
- What you can do now to increase your income in retirement.
- How to estimate your CalSTRS retirement benefit.
- About special considerations as you near retirement.

B.  Room: HSS 152
Retirement Decisions
Speaker: Rob Obedoza, Benefits Specialist, CalSTRS

Is your retirement date within reach? This workshop is designed for members who are close to retirement and are looking for information on the steps you needed to make informed decisions. In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to calculate your retirement benefit but also include topics like beneficiary options, service retirement forms, choosing retirement dates, defined benefit supplement and what to know for after retirement. Start preparing for the retirement you want by getting the accurate information you need.

C.  Room: HSS 153
Pension2
Speaker: Kevin Kirkpatrick, Southern California Pension2 Business Development Manager

Understanding Pension2, the low-cost supplemental savings program designed to help fill in the gap and complement your CalSTRS retirement benefits.
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Lunch**  
**HSS 105**

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
**Concurrent Session 2**

**A. Room: HSS 152**  
**Health and Leave Options for Current SMC Employees**  
**Speaker: Lugina Rogers, Human Resources, Santa Monica College**  
Learn about health and leave options available to full- and part-time faculty actively employed by the Santa Monica College.

**B. Room: HSS 153**  
**Pension2**  
**Speaker: Kevin Kirkpatrick, Southern California Pension2 Business Development Manager**  
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12:50 – 1:50 p.m.  
**Concurrent Session 3**

**A. Room: HSS 151**  
**My Retirement System: Introduction to Retirement**  
**Speaker: Arjuna Singh, Defined Contribution Benefits Specialist, CalSTRS**  
Looking for a quick and easy way to learn about CalSTRS and how it plays a large part in your retirement? This workshop is designed to provide you with the foundation you need to know as a CalSTRS member. You will learn important topics that include understanding the CalSTRS hybrid retirement system, contributions, creditable services and other resources CalSTRS offers based on their career stage. Take the first step in your life journey with CalSTRS.

**B. Room: HSS 152**  
**Santa Monica College Full-Time Retiree Health Care**  
**Speaker: Lugina Rogers, Human Resources, Santa Monica College**  
Learn more about health benefits options available to retired full-time Santa Monica College faculty, whether you are considering retiring this year or just want to learn more about your options.