



Santa Monica College Benefits and Retirement Conference

Friday, October 20, 2023

Santa Monica College | 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica

Schedule

8:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Room: HSS 263

- Peter Morse, Santa Monica College Association President
- Cassandra Lichnock, CalSTRS CEO

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Session 1

A. Room 104

CalSTRS: Part-Time Educator: Amy Chung, CalSTRS

Find out about the CalSTRS benefits and services available to you as a part-time educator. Compare the two benefit programs that may be available to you and determine which program you're currently paying into. Learn ways to increase your retirement income, the importance of supplemental savings and considerations to keep in mind throughout your career. You're helping students build their future, don't forget about yours.

B. Room 105

CalSTRS: My Retirement Decisions: Rob Obedoza, CalSTRS

Prepare for the retirement you want by getting the information you need. Learn how to calculate your retirement benefit and how to choose your retirement date. Also discover more about beneficiary options, service retirement forms, your Defined Benefit Supplement account and working after retirement parameters

11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Concurrent Session 2

A. Room 104

SMC Retiree Health Benefits: Alysha DeLuna, SMC Benefits Coordinator

B. Room 105

CalSTRS: Start Saving Now With Pension2 – Sarineh Khanbabaei, Defined Contribution Specialist

Saving for retirement may seem far from your mind right now, but supplemental savings are essential to ensuring you have enough money to retire comfortably. Due to compound interest, saving earlier in your career is far more valuable than saving later. CalSTRS Pension2® works in tandem with your Defined Benefit Program and Defined Benefit Supplement accounts.

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Capitol Update and Lunch

Room: HSS 263

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, FACCC President