



New Makerspace Summit on Tap

The California Community Colleges CCC Maker, Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy, and NACCE will host make/SHIFT: a Makerspace Ecosystem summit on April 24-26 in Irvine California. In 2016, the California Community College Chancellor's Office Workforce and Economic Division funded a \$17 million CCC Maker Initiative for three years under the Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy framework. The goal was to create a maker culture, enabling students to explore, create, and connect in new, creative ways, preparing them for meaningful careers. In less than three years, this initiative has impacted over 23,000 students across 24 campuses, funded nearly 300 internships, and recruited over 700 employers.

make/SHIFT the Makerspace Ecosystem Summit

Makerspaces are transforming education, according to Carol Pepper-Kittredge, statewide CCC Maker project director. "Community college students with access to a makerspace discover new interests, develop desirable skills, and are reinforced by the maker community," said Pepper-Kittredge. "These students are innovation-ready to embrace future careers."

"This summit is an exciting opportunity for educators who are interested in initiating or expanding their maker culture and finding new ways to help students explore innovative ways of connecting," said Rebecca Corbin, president and CEO of NACCE. "We are finding high levels of interest in makerspaces across our entire membership."

Long-term Impact

Join NACCE and the participating colleges that will showcase their makerspaces to learn the value of innovation and entrepreneurship and the long-term impact on students and the local economy.

Featured speakers for the summit include:

- **Dale Dougherty**, Founder and CEO, Make Media
- **William Duncan**, Superintendent/President, Sierra College
- **Stephanie Santoso**, Director, Maker Initiatives US2020
- **Van Ton-Quinlivan**, Former Executive Vice Chancellor, Workforce and Economic Development California Community College Chancellor's Office.



Students participated in the Super Smash Bros Tournament and Math & Engineering Club at Folsom Lake College's Innovation Center. (photo courtesy of Megan Pritchett)

The conference will feature three tracks to share best practices and impact of the maker movement and the continued importance of entrepreneurship education at community colleges.

Track A: Makerspaces - the models, curriculum, and student impact driving community college innovation.

Track B: Entrepreneurship - the mindset, education, and social significance inspiring communities.

Track C: Impact - sustainable ecosystems and campus culture preparing the next generation for innovation careers.

Conference attendees can expect:

- To learn how to leverage best practices to teach the maker and entrepreneurial mindset sought by employers.
- Move their projects forward by building an inclusive innovation culture and form productive partnerships.
- Gain traction in preparing students for careers using proven entrepreneurial makerspace models.

You can read more about the CCC Maker Initiative at: ccmaker.com. Register on the NACCE website: nacce.com.

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