

Thriving Conference 2017 – Call for Proposals

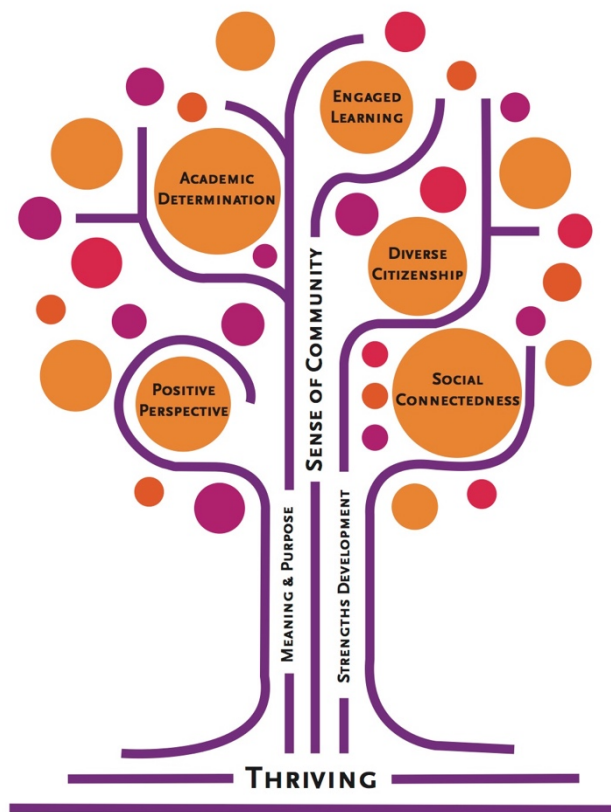
Event Information

- **Dates:** October 25-27 (Wednesday evening through Friday lunch)
- **Location:** The Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena CA
- **Cost:** \$295 Standard Rate, \$260 for Presenters (i.e. accepted proposals)
- **Deadline for Proposals:** September 15, 2017 – Earlier submissions will be given preferential consideration!

The Noel Academy for Strengths-Based Leadership and Education at Azusa Pacific University is seeking proposals for the 2017 Thriving Conference, themed “*Pathways to Thriving: Developing Student Strengths for Success.*”

We seek to facilitate a scholarly dialogue that highlights research, perspectives, and best practices that lead to greater levels of student success in higher education among a constituency that includes but is not limited to Student Affairs’ professionals (i.e. Vice Presidents of Student Affairs, Deans of Students, Student Life Directors, Academic Advisors, etc.) and faculty.

Our theme this year encourages proposals that explore the contributing factors to student “Thriving” as described in Dr. Laurie Schreiner’s Thriving construct.



Additionally, we are also seeking proposals related to “strengths-based” approaches to student success that may or may not be linked to the Thriving construct as illustrated above.

Proposals may also highlight specific student populations, such as students of color, international students, differently abled students, and students who are not part of the cultural majority on campus.

At the conference, we anticipate diversity of thought, interactive workshops, and meaningful conversation among faculty and Student Life/Student Affairs staff that explores ideas and strategies aimed at helping students thrive holistically at college. Our goal is for conference participants to gain fresh insights and new strategies for building resilience, developing students’ strengths, and promoting students thriving

academically, interpersonally, and psychologically.

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The conference will offer a number of one-hour concurrent sessions focused on research and best practices in strengths development and student thriving. We welcome proposals that highlight the following key factors in student thriving:

1. Academic Determination
2. Engaged Learning
3. Diverse Citizenship
4. Social Connectedness
5. Positive Perspective
- (6.) Strengths-Based Student Success

All proposals will be evaluated for their clarity, the significance and relevance of the topic to university educators and to the conference theme, evidence of effectiveness, and innovation.

Presenter Requirements

Presenters must consider the following guidelines:

- Presenters are given a one-hour session for their presentation.
- Presenters are expected to present for 40 minutes, dedicate 15 minutes to question-and-answer time, and designate the last 5 minutes for session evaluations.
- Presenters are expected to share handouts and other related resources with session participants.

Submission Process and Guidelines:

1. Proposals are now welcome for submission and the deadline to submit a proposal is September 15, 2017. However, proposals submitted earlier will be given preferential consideration.
2. A one-page description of the proposed session should be e-mailed to: strengthsacademy@apu.edu
3. Include in the proposal: your name, title, institution name, e-mail address, phone, the title of the session, intended audience, a 50-word abstract for the program, and a 150-300-word description of the content and delivery method of your proposed session. Please describe how you will effectively engage your audience. *A template is included as the last page of this document.*
4. Proposals will be reviewed and notification of acceptance will be extended to select authors by September 29, 2017.

Thriving Conference 2017 Proposal Form

Please use this template or submit an alternative document containing the same content.

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Deadline: Sept 1, 2017 (Earlier submissions will be given priority consideration.)

Submit completed proposals to: strengthsacademy@apu.edu

Personal Information:

(If there is more than one presenter, include information for all participants.)

Name:

Institution:

Position / Title:

Email:

Phone:

Proposal Information:

Title of the Session:

Target Audience:

Abstract (approx 50 words):

Full Description (150-300 word description of the content and delivery method)