



Title: "ACPA Strengths"

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Truth is, we are living in the first time and with the first generation of college students who have ever been able to engage in mass collaboration. That one reality changes the way we are going to respond to one another as human beings around the planet from this point forward.

I want to talk about the strengths of ACPA and what it means about connecting us all together in the future. Already the best in class in research and scholarship. Already holding the brand for commitment and social justice, and already the place where young adults all over the country have come to me saying, "ACPA is where I learned how to be a social justice educator." These are incredible strengths to build upon. But the most important thing about ACPA to me is its ability to connect and to learn how to connect in new ways as well as traditional ways. Today, people come to our conference as their primary means of interacting with ACPA. I envision a time when we'll all go to conference together but it will be virtual as well as face to face. I envision a time when social media and the Web are not just ways for us to talk about what's happening in our lives, but they're actually the ways that we're able to provide education, access and equity...inclusion to people who don't have that today.

I hope that we want to take every tool available to us today, every type of social media and take those things to another level. I'd like to see ACPA members center in on the idea that mass collaboration is great for courses, but what if we used it to really move the world, to move an idea forward. That would be incredibly cool. I hope as I move into this role as executive director, yes you'll tweet, you'll Facebook, you'll email me, you'll pick up your phone, you'll call, you'll take my calls when I call you. I hope if you're in Washington D.C. you'll come see us because I'm waiting to hear what's important to you.