

## 2018 Executive Forum for Leading Internationalization:

### Leveraging Technology

#### Speaker Information



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With the largest F-1 visa international student population of any U.S. community college, Nithy Sevanthinathan current mission as HCC's new Director of International Services and Programs, is to engineer an innovative and enterprising internationalization/globalization-community college DNA.

Prior to his current position at HCC, Nithy served for fourteen years at Lone Star College System (LSC) as System Director/Executive Director of the International programs and Global Strategic Partnership. Through collaboration, strategic programming, and partnership, he led and guided LSC to winning the prestigious Heiskell Award for Innovation and Excellence in International Education from the International Institute of Education (IIE) and the 2013 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization from NAFSA -first higher education system in Texas to win both awards

Nithy engages organizations of all types on academic and workforce situations in different regions of the world. Nithy has been featured in international publications such as USA Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education, India Times, Voice of America, Business Officer-NACUBO, and The Hindu. He was a member of Community Colleges for International Development and was a member of the NAFSA International Education Leadership Knowledge Community.

Nithy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace Studies & Social Work from St. John's University (MN) and two Master degrees (Experiential Education and Multidisciplinary Studies) from Minnesota State University. He earned his doctorate in community college leadership from Roueche Graduate Center –NAU (his dissertation was on the financial impact of international students in community colleges). He volunteers at his children's school as a book-reader and at the Red Cross as a disaster relief worker.