Keynote Speaker

Maria Harper-Marinick, Chancellor of the Maricopa County Community College District (AZ)

Maria Harper-Marinick is a national leader in higher education and strong advocate for access, equity, and student success. She serves as Chancellor of the Maricopa County Community College District – one of the largest community college systems in the nation which serves nearly 200,000 students with the support of 10,000 faculty and staff members across 10 colleges.

She currently serves on the following national and local boards including American Council of Education (ACE), American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), Excelencia in Education, League for Innovation, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

Harper-Marinick has been the recipient of various awards and recognition, including: 2018 Most Admired Leaders in the Valley, 2017 Valley Leadership Woman of the Year, 2017 Athena Public Sector, 2015 Woman of the Year from the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Harper-Marinick is originally from the Dominican Republic and came to Arizona in 1982 as a Fulbright Scholar to complete graduate work at Arizona State University (ASU). She holds a Master and PH.D. degrees in education from ASU.