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The Grand Challenges in Higher Education Assessment Project brought together over 100 administrators, faculty, and students to create plans to address compelling challenges facing higher education assessment:

- 1) Using assessment findings to increase equity
- 2) Using assessment findings to direct immediate pedagogical improvements
- 3) Producing visible and actionable assessment findings that drive innovation and improvement

With endorsements from ten organizations (ACPA-College Student Educators International, Association of American Colleges and Universities, Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, American Institutes for Research, Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, Assessment Institute, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment, Society for College and University Planning, Student Affairs Assessment Leaders) who have seated representatives on a leadership team, working groups with broad membership including faculty, students and administrators from community colleges, liberal arts colleges, universities, and professional organizations have created strategic plans to direct national and local improvements in these areas. We are excited to launch plan implementation with several kickoff events.

- 1) Project leaders will be sharing implementation plans at the AALHE conference on Friday June 11th, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm central time. We hope you will join us!
(https://whova.com/portal/webapp/aalhe_202102/Agenda/1632481)
- 2) *Intersection: A Journal at the Intersection of Assessment and Learning* has released a special issue with articles addressing the Grand Challenges. Please enjoy the issue here:
<https://aalhe.scholasticahq.com/>
- 3) We are currently creating implementation teams and preparing a book proposal to write a volume dedicated to local ways campus faculty, leaders, and assessment professionals can make progress towards these challenges. If you are interested in joining an implementation team, authoring a related book chapter, or reading the complete strategic plans, please visit our webpage <https://assessment.uncc.edu/excellence-assessment/grand-challenges-assessment-project>