

**The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)  
Presents:**

## **Closing Equity Gaps in Higher Education: Lessons for Leveling the Playing Field for All Students**

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm CT**

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ACEND continues its series of webinars to assist nutrition faculty in addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion in their programs. Nearly all colleges and universities in the U.S. have vast gaps in graduation rates between their upper-income and white students and their lower-income, first-generation and minority students. This presentation is the story of how Georgia State University (GSU) used predictive analytics to exponentially raise its graduation rates, particularly among students from underserved backgrounds. GSU's data-driven approach to leveling the playing field for students from all backgrounds has made the university a national leader in student success initiatives. The work of Dr. Renick has been highlighted in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Time, and CNN and cited by former President Barack Obama. In 2020, a new book was published by veteran journalist A. Gumbel "Won't Lose this Dream" tracing the inside stories of the students who were touched by these initiatives. Dr. Renick and Mr. Brandon will describe how various reforms were identified and implemented, from the decision to centralize and grow the advising office to the development of the Summer Success Academy, both of which have boosted retention rates. All ACEND stakeholders (faculty, administrators, preceptors, students, interns, etc.) are invited to attend.

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