
Event Agenda

2024 Achieve Transfer Student Success Conference

Wed, Mar 27, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sponsor/Exhibitor Set-up

Location: USA Student First and Second Floors

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Conference Check-In (Light lunch will be provided)

Location: USA Student Center Entrance Lobby - Information Desk

Check-In Staff: Brandi Stacey, Korrie Lynn Williamson, Jacinta Whitehurst ; Conference Fee Payment: Alison Wood ; Whoova App Assistance: Shannon Nichols

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speakers: Keith Sessions, Dr. Eva Lewis, Dr. Michael Mitchell, Aaron Milner, President Olivier Charles

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Plenary Session I - Speaker: Dr. Mordecai Brownlee

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Mordecai Brownlee ; Introducing our Speaker: Catherine Wehlburg

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions I

Location: USA Student Center - Breakout Rooms

Dr. Mordecai Brownlee - Keynote Address Follow-Up Question & Answer Session

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #1 - Terrace

Speakers: Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, Catherine Wehlburg

STEM Partnerships for Achieving Success

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #2 - 211

Speakers: Matt Williford, Schuyler Huff, Mary Beth Lancaster

Fair Winds and Following Seas: Fostering a Sense of Belonging and Career Readiness for New Transfer Students

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #3 - 212

Speakers: Katherine McKenzie, Matthew Robinson, Chantae Calhoun

Taking Advantage of Alabama Transfers

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #4 - 203

Speakers: Michael Malley, Shannon Nichols

Smooth Sailing Towards Graduation with a Low Stakes Assessment

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #5 - 205

Speakers: Dr. Jan Case, Angie Smajstrla, Dr. Bruce Crawford

Student Success through Career Exploration

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #6 - 253

Speakers: Emma Starr, Kelli Morris, Nani Perez-Uribe

Understanding Student Transfer: Moving from Anecdotes to Evidence

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: ROOM #7 - 254

Speakers: Dr. Iryna Muse, Dr. Rhonda Gaede, Morgan Jackson, Dr. Eva Lewis, Dr. Tonjanita Johnson

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Refreshment Break with Sponsor/Exhibitors

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Plenary Session II - Transfer Student Panel

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Panel Moderator: Nani Perez-Uribe ; Facilitator: Brandi Stacey ; Panelist: Jadan Gainey, Irish Clark, Grady Taylor, Abigail Bolton, Destani Alvarado, Alexis Acosta

4:45 PM - 4:50 PM

Adjournment - Day 1

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Reception - Hosted by Bishop State Community College and Coastal Alabama Community College

Location: Bishop State Community College - Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

Pre-Reception Musical Selections

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Bishop State Community College - Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

Welcome and Remarks (President Charles, President Milner)

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Location: Bishop State Community College - Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

Speakers: President Olivier Charles, Aaron Milner

Reception Activities - Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by students, student artwork, and student music groups

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Bishop State Community College - Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

Thu, Mar 28, 2024

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast with Sponsors/Exhibitors

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Introducing Sponsors & Exhibitors: Keith Sessions

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome to Day 2 - Opening Remarks

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speakers: Keith Sessions, Mary Beth Lancaster

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Plenary Session III - Speaker: Dr. Drew Koch

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Koch ; Introducing our Speaker: Mary Coleman

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Concurrent Sessions II

Location: USA Student Center - Breakout Rooms

The Coach Well Lead Well Program - Three Coaching Tools for Leaders to Help Your Team Support Your Students

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #1 - Terrace

Speakers: Tarah Keech, Catherine Wehlburg

Processing & Maintaining Transfer Student Records

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #2 - 211

Speakers: Morgan Jackson, Dr. Tonjanita Johnson

Dream and Design: Appreciative Advisement for Transfer Students

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #3 - 212

Speakers: Dr. Janet Bavonese, Rachel Haas, Matt Hill, Tricia Nelson, Amiee Thrasher, Chantae Calhoun

Adult Education: Merging Academic and Occupational Education at Troy University

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #4 - 203

Speakers: Dr. Lee Ammons, Robin McGill

Taking ALACRAO Transfer Fairs to the Next Level: A Working Session to Enhance Transfer Fairs & Transfer Student Engagement

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #5 - 205

Speakers: Brandi Stacey, Jake Gipson, Dr. Victoria Perry, Akilih Haley, Dr. Bruce Crawford

Lessons Learned for Transfer Student Success in Engineering

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #6 - 253

Speakers: Dr. Christy West, Nicole Carr, Nani Perez-Urbe, Simone Mosley, Dr. Eva Lewis

Jax State's Pathway to Credit Expansion for Military Connected Students

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: ROOM #7 - 254

Speakers: Emily White, Kristen Campbell

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch - Sponsored by AACRAO (Alabama Talent Triad/Alabama Works Initiative)

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speakers: Mike Simmons, Ph.D., Amber Garrison Duncan, Dr. Abigail Carter, Robin McGill

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions III

Location: USA Student Center - Breakout Rooms

Alabama Talent Triad / Alabama Works Initiative (Continued Discussion from lunch)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #1 - Terrace

Speakers: Mike Simmons, Ph.D., Amber Garrison Duncan, Dr. Abigail Carter, Robin McGill

From 5 Below to 5 Stars - Auburn's new AREA V Pages

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #2 - 211

Speakers: Codi Plaster, Dr. Eva Lewis

Sailing Through the Student Journey

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #3 - 212

Speakers: Korrie Lynn Williamson, Kristen Campbell

Taking Advantage of Alabama Transfers

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #4 - 203

Speakers: Shannon Nichols, Keith Sessions

LevelUP Transfer Readiness: Preparing Students for Their Next Steps in Education and Work Through Enhanced Career Readiness

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #5 - 205

Speakers: Michelle Hale, Julie Estis, Nani Perez-Urbe

Perspectives of Prior Learning Assessment: A University's PLA process from a faculty, staff, and student's viewpoint

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #6 - 253

Speakers: Timothy Thornton, Kayla Kohanek Tankersley, Felicia Mucci, Catherine Wehlburg

You Belong Here!

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: ROOM #7 - 254

Speakers: C. Michael Cozart, Dr. Victoria Perry

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Refreshment Break with Sponsors/Exhibitors

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Plenary Session IV - Speaker: Dr. James Purcell

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. James Purcell ; Introducing the Speaker: Keith Sessions

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Conference Wrap-Up and Door Prize Announcements

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speakers: Keith Sessions, Brandi Stacey

3:30 PM - 3:35 PM

Adjournment - Day 2 - Conference Ends

Location: USA Student Center Ballroom

Speaker: Keith Sessions