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# Event Agenda

NABCA 2026 Conference

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## Tuesday, May 26, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Conference Kickoff</b> Speakers: Mandy Bezeredi, Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	<b>Responsiveness to Service through Communication and Collaboration</b> Speaker: Phygenia Young
9:25 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>Campus-Chamber Collaborative: A Short-Term Travel Study Pilot</b> Speaker: Courtney Catledge
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	<b>The Great RELLIS Academic Alliance Experiment: Challenges and Successes</b> Speaker: Shad Nelson
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	<b>How to Successfully Convert a Two-Year Branch Campus to a Four-Year Branch Campus.</b> Speaker: Eruore Hopkins
10:55 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Engineering Belonging: Becoming a Community Partner Through Curriculum, Commitment, and Reciprocity</b> Speaker: Nancy Lollar
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	<b>Improving the Student Experience/Restoring a Sense of Belonging</b> Speaker: Martha Kline
11:45 AM - 12:05 PM	<b>Miranda Gentry-Siegel</b> Speaker: Miranda Gentry-Siegel
12:05 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b> for conference attendees
12:05 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b> for BCLI cohort/mentors/Executive Committee
1:15 PM - 1:35 PM	<b>Building a Community Partner Ecosystem that Grows Nonprofit Leaders for High-Impact Higher Education Initiatives</b> Speaker: Shaneika Nelson Frazier
1:40 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>USC Salk D.R.I.V.E.S – A Data-Diven Mobile STEM Initiative Transforming Rural Education in South Carolina</b> Speaker: April Cone
2:05 PM - 2:25 PM	<b>A Reason to Stay: Placemaking, Student Success, and Community Engagement at George Mason University Mason Square</b> Speaker: Melissa Thierry
2:30 PM - 2:50 PM	<b>Reimagining a Rural Campus: Workforce Development as a Strategy for Enrollment Recovery and Community Impact</b> Speaker: Sarah Casscles
2:50 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>

3:15 PM - 3:35 PM	<b>Practice-Based Faculty Development at a University Branch Campus: The Stockton Survey and Stockton Talks</b> Speaker: Matthew Derrick
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Building Campus Identity and Increasing Recognition By Becoming a Community Resource</b> Speaker: Corina Morales
4:05 PM - 4:25 PM	<b>Benchmarking Community–University Partnerships at a Branch Campus: Implications for Anchor Mission and Community Engagement</b> Speaker: Sarah Sweitzer
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	<b>BCLI Graduation</b> Speakers: Walter Collins, Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore, Mandy Bezeredi
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>Opening Reception</b>

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## Wednesday, May 27, 2026

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Light Breakfast</b>
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore
8:45 AM - 9:35 AM	<b>If You Build It, Will They Come?</b> Speakers: Sara Hawes, Melissa Thierry
9:35 AM - 10:25 AM	<b>CAMPUS TOURS</b>
10:25 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 AM - 11:35 AM	<b>Seamless by Design: Inside a High-Impact Dual Admission Model</b> Speakers: Emma Volks, Michelle Peter
10:45 AM - 11:35 AM	<b>Boots on the Ground: Creative Community-Based Recruitment</b> Speakers: Melody Kees, Andy Spellman, Cheryl Tays, Susan Williams, Sharon Wilson
10:45 AM - 11:35 AM	<b>Saddle Up for Success: Building a Scalable Online Orientation</b> Speakers: Valorie Garrett, Robyn Chivers
11:40 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Annual Meeting and Awards</b>
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	<b>DAY 1 DEBRIEF/LOGISTICS</b> Speaker: Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore
12:45 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN - NETWORKING AND EXPLORATION</b>
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Volunteer at Central Kitchen for Food Prep (requires registration in advance)</b> Location: DC Central Kitchen Klein Center - 2121 First Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Group Dinners</b>

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## Thursday, May 28, 2026

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<b>Board Bus to Sci Tech Campus</b>
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>CAMPUS TOUR &amp; PRESENTATIONS</b>

<b>12:15 PM - 1:45 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH and NETWORKING</b>
<b>1:45 PM - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>Board Bus/Return to Mason Square</b>
<b>4:15 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Board the bus for Mt. Vernon</b>
<b>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Private Tour Mt. Vernon (meet at entrance of hotel)</b>
<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Dinner at Mt. Vernon Inn</b>

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## **Friday, May 29, 2026**

<b>8:00 AM - 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30 AM - 8:45 AM</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>8:45 AM - 9:35 AM</b>	<b>From the Margins to the Mission: Campus Belonging</b> Speaker: Rebecca Smith
<b>8:45 AM - 9:35 AM</b>	<b>The Atlantic City Summer Experience: Live Work Learn</b> Speaker: Alex Marino
<b>9:40 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sharing our Stories: Branch Campuses as Leaders in Higher Ed</b> Speaker: J Cody Nielsen
<b>9:40 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Building College Knowledge Through Student Ambassadors</b> Speaker: Ron Blassingame
<b>10:30 AM - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:45 AM - 11:35 AM</b>	<b>Revitalizing 2+2 Partnerships in Rural TN</b> Speakers: Anita Cannedy, Erica Bell
<b>10:45 AM - 11:35 AM</b>	<b>From Crisis to Capacity at Branch Campuses: Empowering Human</b> Speaker: Kim Kirby
<b>11:35 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks - Looking Ahead</b>