

# SESSIONS GRID

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



**OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES**  
**THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF EDUCATION**  
 SEPTEMBER 7-10 | CHICAGO, IL

### Pre-Conference Sessions

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION**  
 Knock and Open the STEAM  
 Door for Students

**ALL**  
 MEET IN GRAND HALL J  
 (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION**  
 Sweet Home Chicago:  
 Designing Dynamic Student  
 Experiences

**ALL**  
 MEET IN GRAND HALL GH  
 (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**STATE LEADERS CAUCUS**  
 (Pre-registration required)

**ALL**  
 GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL  
 EAST TOWER)

### REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**ALL**  
 RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL -  
 EAST TOWER)

**DISCOVER CHICAGO**

**ALL**  
 RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL -  
 EAST TOWER)

**EXHIBITS**

**ALL**  
 RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL -  
 EAST TOWER)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**PRE-CON 1**  
 Unlocking AI's Potential:  
 Transformative Power of AI to  
 Change Lives

**ALL**  
 GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM  
 LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**PRE-CON 2**  
 Taking the Leadership Leap:  
 Using Doctoral Study to  
 Advance Your Career

**ALL**  
 GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL  
 EAST TOWER)

**PRE-CON 3**  
 Onward & Upward: Preparing  
 UB/UBMS for the Future

**UB/UBMS**  
 GRAND HALL MN (BALLROOM  
 LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**PRE-CON 4**  
 The Nuts and Bolts of the  
 Financial Aid Process

**ALL**  
 GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM  
 LEVEL EAST TOWER)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**PRE-CON 5**  
 New to SSS: Start Off on the  
 Right Track

**ALL**  
 GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL  
 EAST TOWER)

**McNair Community Briefing**

**MCNAIR**  
 GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL  
 - EAST TOWER)

**Moderators Orientation**

**INVITATION ONLY**

**Newcomers Reception**

**SPONSORED BY STUDY  
 SMART TUTORS**

**INVITATION ONLY**

### Opening Session

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

8:15 PM – 9:00 PM

### RECEPTION

8:15 PM – 9:30 PM

**OPENING SESSION**  
 Justice in Action: A Call to  
 Courage with Reverend  
 William J. Barber II

**ALL**  
 GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM  
 LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**BOOK SALES & SIGNING**  
 White Poverty: How Exposing  
 Myths About Race and Class  
 Can Reconstruct American  
 Democracy

**ALL**  
 GRAND BALLROOM FOYER  
 (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**CHAIR'S RECEPTION**  
 Celebrating the 60th  
 Anniversary of the Higher  
 Education Act

**ALL**  
 GRAND BALLROOM FOYER AND  
 GRAND HALL ROOMS (BALLROOM  
 LEVEL EAST TOWER)

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			PLENARY SESSION
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
<p>Wellness: Rise and Shine with Sunrise Yoga</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> HONG KONG (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>	<p>Registration</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p>Exhibits</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p>Congressional Plenary: How Washington Is Keeping the Promise of the HEA at 60</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Language, Identity, and Advocacy: A Cultural Exploration through Bad Bunny's Music</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>COE ED TALK Learning From our Past: Influencing the Future - A Strategic Reflection</p> <p>OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES STRAND</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>The Impact of Student Support Services: The COE Award for Institutional Effectiveness</p> <p>LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE STRAND</p> <p> SSS-2YR</p> <p> GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Demystifying Selective College Admissions for TRIO Students</p> <p>NAVIGATING THE SELECTIVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE STRAND</p> <p> PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH</p> <p> GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Building Strategic Partnerships: Lessons from NCCU Student Leadership Conference</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Retention Matters: Equipping TRIO Youth for High School Completion and College Entry</p> <p> PRE-COLLEGE</p> <p> GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Utilizing Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, and Augmented Reality to Enhance Students Professional Opportunities</p> <p>TECH PATHWAYS STRAND</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Innovative Practices for Educational Opportunity Centers</p> <p> EOC</p> <p> MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>The Keys We Carry: Leveraging Community Cultural Wealth to Empower First-Gen Success</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Building the Case — Data-Driven Strategies to Strengthen Your TRIO Program</p> <p> PRE-COLLEGE</p> <p> NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Actionable Evaluation Strategies to Measure in McNair</p> <p>MEASURING WHAT MATTERS STRAND</p> <p> MCNAIR</p> <p> RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Bridging Worlds After the Lahaina Wildfires</p> <p> PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH</p> <p> RANDOLPH 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Unlocking Global Opportunities Part 1: The Nuts and Bolts of Helping Your Students Pursue Study Abroad</p> <p>CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS STRAND</p> <p> COLLEGE</p> <p> RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>A Beginner's Guide to Developing Crucial Skills for Supporting Mental Health</p> <p>SMART START STAND</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Transforming Learning: The Impact of Assistive Technology in Education</p> <p>TECH PATHWAYS STRAND</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Innovative Strategies for Securing External Funding to Support TRIO Programs</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)</p>

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### 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT.)

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Preparing for Success: ED's Priorities for the 2025–2030 SSS Cycle

👤 SSS

📍 REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

18

Empowering Parents in Supporting Pre-College Students with Internships, Jobs, and Support Networks

👤 PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH

📍 ROOSEVELT 3AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

19

Student-led Programming as Leadership Development

👤 PRE-COLLEGE

📍 SKYWAY 260 (SKYWAY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

20

Individual Academic Plans for a Successful College Future

👤 PRE-COLLEGE

📍 SKYWAY 272 (SKYWAY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### PLENARY SESSION

11:45 AM – 1:45 PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

21

Veteran Upward Bound Programs: Navigating Year 4 with ED Guidance

👤 VUB

📍 TORONTO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

Walter O. Mason Jr. Awards Luncheon

👤 ALL

📍 GRAND BALLROOM (THIRD LEVEL)

College Fair

SPONSORED BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

👤 ALL

📍 RIVERSIDE EAST, EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS

22

From Data to Meaning — Centering Student Experience to Drive Equity and Success

👤 ALL

📍 ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

23

Opening Doors to New Possibilities: Career Development Strategies for TRIO Students

OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES STRAND

👤 SSS

📍 GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

24

Navigating Career Paths: A Guide for Higher Education Professionals

LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE STRAND

👤 ALL

📍 GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

25

Graduate School Admissions: What Your Students Need to Know

NAVIGATING THE SELECTIVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE STRAND

👤 COLLEGE

📍 GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

26

Maximizing the Final Year: Talent Search Outcomes, Reporting, and What's Next

👤 TS

📍 GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

27

How to Get Great Press: Here's the Scoop

👤 ALL

📍 GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

28

Tricks, Treats and Threats of Artificial Intelligence: Strategies for Success

👤 ALL

📍 MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

29

Standards that Strengthen: Integrating CAS into TRIO Success Strategies

👤 ALL

📍 MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

30

Thriving Through Change: McNair Roundtable Discussion

👤 MCNAIR

📍 MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

31

Innovative Practices in Serving Veterans

👤 VUB

📍 NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

32

The Snowball Effect Creating the Meltdown of Higher Education

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS STRAND

👤 ALL

📍 RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

33

Beyond Boundaries: Strengthening TRIO Through Strategic Alliances

👤 TS

📍 RANDOLPH 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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Unlocking Global Opportunities Part 2: Securing Financial Resources for Study Abroad

CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS STRAND

COLLEGE

RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

35

From Recruitment to Retention: Building Strong TRIO Teams That Thrive

KICKSTART YOUR JOURNEY AS A TRIO DIRECTOR STRAND

ALL

REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

36

Beyond the Hashtag: Advocacy in the Digital Age

TECH PATHWAYS STRAND

ALL

REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

37

Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science Programs: Navigating Year 4 with ED Guidance

UB/UBMS

REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

38

The Art of Personal Storytelling for Self-Advocacy

ALL

REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

39

Yes You Can: How to Earn a Terminal Degree While Working Full-Time as a TRIO Professional

ALL

ROOSEVELT 3AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

40

One Platform, Many Voices: Lessons Learned from Centralizing Online Student Support at a Small Colleges

SSS

SKYWAY 260 (SKYWAY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

41

Expanding Impact: Engaging Participants Through Large-Scale Workshops

PRE-COLLEGE

SKYWAY 272 (SKYWAY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

42

Expanding TRIO at Two-Year Colleges: Turning Program Success into Institutional Investment

SSS-2YR

TORONTO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

College Fair and Exhibit Walkthrough

ALL

RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)

# SESSIONS GRID

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • HOT TOPIC SESSIONS

### HT1

EmPOWERing First-Generation Students Through Summer Enrichment Building Bridges from Middle School to College

ALL

ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT2

Navigating Life's Milestones

ALL

GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT3

Building Stronger TRIO Programs Through Enhanced Advising, Recordkeeping, and Compliance

ALL

GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT4

Beyond College Bound: Empowering Families Through the Full Journey of Higher Education

ALL

GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT5

Customized TRIO Professional Development to Fit Your Needs

ALL

GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT6

Unlocking Potential Through Esports — How Esports Builds Belonging, Skills, and Futures

ALL

GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT7

Money Moves: Unlocking Generational Wealth with Swagger & Smarts

ALL

MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT8

Show Me The Money! Create Financial Literacy Experiences Your Students Will Never Forget

ALL

MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT9

Empowering Pathways: Meeting the Needs of TRIO Learners so They Can Reach Their Next Best Level

ALL

MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT10

From Invisible to Invincible: Transforming First-Gen Student Success by Leveling the Playing Field for All.

ALL

NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT11

Unforgettable Events: Learning that Lasts

ALL

RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT12

ALL  
RANDOLPH 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT13

Compass: Online Data Management and APR Solution

ALL

RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT14

BLUMEN SOFTWARE - Find Out Why It's Miles Ahead of Other Software

ALL

REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT15

One College Nation! – An Interactive Leadership Experience Focused on Effective Communication, Emotional Intelligence, Resilience, and Leadership Strategies That Work!

ALL

REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT16

Winning Financially: Developing a Game Plan for Success, NOT Stress!

ALL

REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT17

College Access on the Chopping Block: 3 Steps to Equip Your TRIO Students to Win Scholarships Now

ALL

REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

### HT18

Pathways to College: How Pre-College Programs Are Supporting Students & Families Anytime, Anywhere

ALL

ROOSEVELT 3AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### HT21

Mastering TRIO Data Like a Pro with StudentAccess

ALL

TORONTO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

COE Update

ALL

GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

Salsa Dancing

ALL

REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

Karaoke

SPONSORED BY GENIUS POTENTIAL

ALL

REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL - WEST TOWER)

# SESSIONS GRID

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM

Wellness Activity: Chi-Town Circuit

ALL

MEET IN THE LOBBY (LOBBY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

ALL

RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Exhibits

ALL

RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### PLENARY SESSION

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Communities in Action: The Early Years of the Upward Bound Program

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OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES STRAND

UB

GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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Expanding Access: Pell Grant Reinstatement and TRIO's Role in Supporting Incarcerated Students

ADULTS

ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

44

Empowering TRIO Students for the 21st Century Workforce: A Research-Based Enhanced Collaborative Student Empowerment Career Services Model

OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES STRAND

ALL

GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

45

COE ED Talk: 60 Years of Shaping Higher Education - Celebrating Progress, Confronting Challenges

LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE STRAND

ALL

GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

46

ALL

GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

47

Empowering TRIO Personnel to Stay the Course

LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE STRAND

ALL

GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

48

The Best Kept Secret: Selective College Affordability for Pell-Eligible and Lower Income Students

NAVIGATING THE SELECTIVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE STRAND

PRE-COLLEGE

GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

49

COE ED Talk: Won't You Be My Neighbor: Building Bridges and Sharing Strategies Between TRIO CBOs and Institutions

PRE-COLLEGE

MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

50

Empowering TRIO Students with AI: Practical Strategies for Success

TECH PATHWAYS STRAND

ALL

MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

51

The Latest Outlook for Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

M McNAIR

MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

52

Pathways to Career Readiness: Increasing Students' Career-Aligned Social Capital

SSS

NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

53

Degree Bound: Evidence-Based Strategies to Help TRIO Students Cross the Finish Line

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS STRAND

COLLEGE

RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

54

Breaking the Workshop: Reimagining How We Connect with Students

SSS

RANDOLPH 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

# SESSIONS GRID

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10:15 AM - 11:30 AM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**55**

Celebrating 25 Years of the  
COE Keith Sherin Global  
Leaders Program

**CREATING GLOBAL  
CITIZENS STRAND**

**COLLEGE**

**RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL  
EAST TOWER)**

**56**

All Eyes on Me: TRIO Branding  
101

**KICKSTART YOUR JOURNEY AS  
A TRIO DIRECTOR STRAND**

**ALL**

**REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL  
WEST TOWER)**

**57**

You Down with GPT?... Yeah,  
You Know Me!

**TECH PATHWAYS STRAND**

**ALL**

**REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL  
WEST TOWER)**

**58**

Innovative Strategies for  
Securing External Funding to  
Support TRIO Programs

**ALL**

**REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL  
WEST TOWER)**

**59**

Strengthening Civic  
Engagement Among Students

**COLLEGE**

**REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL  
WEST TOWER)**

**60**

Navigating Our Moral  
Compass: Ethical Standards  
in Hyper-Partisan Times

**ALL**

**ROOSEVELT 3AB (CONCOURSE  
LEVEL EAST TOWER)**

**61**

Strengthening Community  
Partnerships to Enhance  
Veteran Support Services

**VETERANS**

**SKYWAY 260 (SKYWAY LEVEL  
EAST TOWER)**

**62**

NTAA Engagement  
Ambassador Cohort:  
Elevating Alumni Leadership  
& Strengthening TRIO Alumni  
Networks

**ALL**

**SKYWAY 272 (SKYWAY LEVEL  
EAST TOWER)**

**63**

Linking Up for Lasting  
Impact: How TRIO Programs  
are Strengthening Campus  
Collaborations

**SSS-2YR**

**TORONTO (BALLROOM LEVEL  
WEST TOWER)**

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Free Professional Headshots  
 ALL  
 RIVERSIDE EAST (EXHIBIT LEVEL EAST TOWER)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM • HOT TOPICS

**HT22**  
 Strategic Learning Assessment (SLA) and the Self-Determination Student Scale (SDSS): Helping Students Become More Strategic, Self-Regulated, Lifelong Learners  
 ALL  
 ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

**HT23**  
 How COE's Tool, empower 2.0 Is Ushering in a New Digital Era for TRIO  
 ALL  
 GRAND HALL GH (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM • HOT TOPICS

**HT24**  
 Global Pathways to Leadership: Puerto Rico Experiences that Transform  
 ALL  
 GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT25**  
 Genius Engagement: The Silent Crisis Killing TRIO Outcomes (and How Beats, AI, & Algo'Rhythms Can Save Them)  
 ALL  
 GRAND HALL J (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT26**  
 Opening Doors, Changing Lives: Expanding Access and Impact Through Advanced Placement  
 ALL  
 GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT27**  
 Building Smart Financial Habits for Success  
 ALL  
 GRAND HALL L (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT28**  
 Elevate Your Program's Impact: Maximize Student Engagement, Achieve Proven Results!  
 ALL  
 MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT29**  
 Show Me The Money! Create Financial Literacy Experiences Your Students Will Never Forget  
 ALL  
 MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT30**  
 What If Your Curriculum Could Do More? Discover DreamCatcher Curriculum!  
 ALL  
 MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT31**  
 ALL  
 NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL - WEST TOWER)

**HT32**  
 Workforce Ready: Measure & Increase TRIO Students' Career Readiness Skills & Employability  
 ALL  
 RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT33**  
 ALL  
 SKYWAY 260 (SKYWAY LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT34**  
 Connect. Teach. Entertain. Grow: Helping Your Students Unlock Their Potential  
 ALL  
 RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT35**  
 Level Up Your Learners: Digital College Exam Prep for TRIO Success  
 PRE-COLLEGE  
 REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

**HT36**  
 Breaking Barriers in STEM: Hands-On, Low-Cost Activities for Every Classroom  
 ALL  
 REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

**HT37**  
 Simplifying the Path to College with Common App  
 ALL  
 REGENCY C (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

**HT38**  
 Unlocking Academic Success with Tutor.com: Empowering TRIO Students Anytime, Anywhere!  
 ALL  
 REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)

**HT39**  
 Fueling Persistence from Day One: Scalable Online Tools for College Programs  
 COLLEGE  
 ROOSEVELT 3AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)

**HT42**  
 Mastering TRIO Data Like a PRO with StudentAccess  
 ALL  
 TORONTO (BALLROOM LEVEL - WEST TOWER)



# SESSIONS GRID

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

### 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM • CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<b>64</b> Creating Dynamic Cultural and Academic Experiences 👤 SSS 🏠 ACAPULCO (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)	<b>66</b> Delegate Like a Pro: Passing the Baton Without Dropping It LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE STRAND 👤 ALL 🏠 GRAND HALL I (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>68</b> How to Garner Your Institution's Support 👤 ALL 🏠 GRAND HALL K (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>70</b> From Applicant to Reviewer: Demystifying the Grant Review Process 👤 ALL 🏠 MICHIGAN 1 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)
<b>71</b> Beyond Access: Technology, Policy, and Innovation in Expanding Economic Mobility for TRIO Students TECH PATHWAYS STRAND 👤 ALL 🏠 MICHIGAN 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>72</b> Navigating Hidden Expectations in Graduate School 👤 MCNAIR 🏠 MICHIGAN 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>73</b> Connecting the Dots of Workforce Skills and Engineering: An Introduction to Sea Perch and Solar Energy 👤 PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH 🏠 NEW ORLEANS (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)	<b>74</b> Be Your Own Evaluator: A How-To Session on Conducting Your Own TRIO Mini-Study MEASURING WHAT MATTERS STRAND 👤 ALL 🏠 RANDOLPH 1AB (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)
<b>75</b> Building Partnerships for College Completion and Career Success: Lessons Learned from All-In Milwaukee 👤 COLLEGE 🏠 RANDOLPH 2 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>76</b> Creating Global Citizens: Expanding Horizons through TRIO and Opportunity Programs CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS STRAND 👤 PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH 🏠 RANDOLPH 3 (CONCOURSE LEVEL EAST TOWER)	<b>77</b> Lessons from Early Organizing: Reflections by COE's Founding President OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES STRAND 👤 ALL 🏠 REGENCY A (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)	<b>78</b> Unlocking Insights: How AI Transforms TRIO Data into Actionable Strategies TECH PATHWAYS STRAND 👤 ALL 🏠 REGENCY B (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)
	<b>80</b> Maximizing the Final Year: EOC Outcomes, Reporting, and What's Next 👤 EOC 🏠 REGENCY D (BALLROOM LEVEL WEST TOWER)		

### PLENARY SESSION

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

The Role of the States in Higher Education  
 👤 ALL  
 🏠 GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

### DINNER

7:30 PM – 9:15 PM

Educational Opportunity Dinner (Ticketed Event – Included in COE Registration)  
 👤 ALL  
 🏠 GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL - EAST TOWER)

9:30 PM – 12:00 AM

Dance  
 👤 ALL  
 🏠 GRAND HALL (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<p>Information Booth</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND BALLROOM FOYER (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p>Is Economic Mobility Possible without a College Degree in the Current Workforce?</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p>Update from the U.S. Department of Education</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>	<p>Conference Awards, Remarks from the 2025 - 2026 Board Chair, and Installation of Officers</p> <p> ALL</p> <p> GRAND BALLROOM (BALLROOM LEVEL EAST TOWER)</p>
12:30 PM			
Conference Concludes			