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Student Affairs

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

***"Advancing Student Success
Through Engagement and Wellbeing"***

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Agenda

8:00 - 8:40 AM

Registration & Breakfast
HSC Ballrooms

8:40 - 9:00 AM

Conference Welcome
HSC Ballrooms

9:10 - 9:55 AM

Session I
HSC Conference Rooms

10:05 - 10:50 AM

Session II
HSC Conference Rooms

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Session III
HSC Conference Rooms

12:00 - 1:30 PM

End of the Year Luncheon
HSC Ballrooms

1:45 - 2:15 PM

Student Success Highlight I
HSC Conference Rooms

2:15 - 2:45 PM

Snack Break
Outside Ballroom D

2:15 - 2:45 PM

Student Success Highlight II
Outside Ballroom D

2:50 - 3:20 PM

Student Success Highlight III
HSC Conference Rooms

3:25 - 4:10 PM

Fireside Chat
HSC Ballrooms

4:10 - 4:30 PM

Conference Closing
HSC Ballrooms

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Conference Welcome 8:40 - 9:00 a.m.

HSC Ballrooms

Session I 9:10 - 9:55 a.m.

HSC 203	Stephanie Collins & Antonio Goodman	Show Me the Money
HSC 312	Sensory Room	-----
HSC 314	Shawra Rainer, Eboney Whitson, Debbie Morgette, Mandy Hunt	Seeing Red (In a Good Way): Responding to Student Distress
HSC 316	Dr. Angela Stowe	Creating Mental Health-Supporting Departments: The STEPS Framework for Student Affairs
HSC 318	Jennifer Griffin, Dr. Lauren Cotant, Darien Garrison	From Purpose to Profession: Redefining Student Engagement Through Career Readiness

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Session II 10:05 - 10:50 a.m.

HSC 101	Monica Merriweather	Health Literacy and the College Population
HSC 203	Dr. Kathleen Pridgen, Nicole Metcalf, Beth Hughes, Aimee Holland	Improving the Early Initiation Pelvic Examination Experience Among College Health Gynecology Patients: A Quality Improvement Project
HSC 204/206	Darien Garrison & Lindsey Hollingsworth	Engagement by Design: Creating High-Impact Event and Workplace Spaces on Any Budget
HSC 312	Sensory Room	-----
HSC 314	Samantha Wadsworth	Supporting Neurodivergent Students to Enhance Success & Belonging
HSC 316	Dr. Lauren Cotant & Dr. Natalie Hopper	Are We Preparing Students for What's Next? Using Data to Rethink Engagement
HSC 318	Jessica Seymour & Alyssa Howard	Rethinking the Role of the Student Employee for Well-Being and Success

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Session III 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

HSC 203	Liz Quistorff, Hunter Lovett, Shawra Rainer	When Things Go Left, Get It Right
HSC 312	Sensory Room	-----
HSC 314	Valerie DuBose & Allison Solomon	From Job Descriptions to Technical Standards: Building Clear Expectations That Support Access and Reduce Risk
HSC 316	Dr. Angela Stowe	Responding to Students in Distress
HSC 318	Jennifer Griffin	From Clicks to Connection: Leveraging Engage to Demonstrate Impact and Advance Student Success

**End of Year Awards Luncheon
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. | HSC Ballrooms**

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Student Success Highlight: Session I 1:45 - 2:15 p.m.

HSC 101	Demetrius Pearson	Clearing the Path: Using Military Precision to Map Barriers and Design Student Success
HSC 203	Jerad Watson	Using AI at Work
HSC 312	Sensory Room	-----
HSC 314	Charles Morris	Paths to Achievement: Mentoring Students as They Learn to See Themselves in Academic Spaces
HSC 316	Kristin Chapleau & Andrea Miller Pound	Collaborating for Student Success: How Cross-Campus Partnerships Improve Outcomes
HSC 318	Jonan Phillip Donaldson	Learning Sciences Perspectives on Engagement and Well-Being

Snack Break | 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. | Outside Ballroom D

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**Student Success Highlight II:
Poster Presentation
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.**

Outside Ballroom D

Chelsea Tucker

The First-Year Effect: Why
Connection Drives Retention

Janice House

TRIO: Creating an
Atmosphere for Success

Dr. Lauren Cotant

Good Work

Debbie Morgette &
Synclaire Casselberry

Student Assistance &
Support: Care &
Connection Starts Here!

HSC 312

Sensory Room

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Student Success Highlight: Session III
2:50 - 3:20 p.m.

HSC 101	LaShaundria Thomas	"Beyond the Award: How Strategic Scholarship Practices Drive Student Success"
HSC 203	Abby Huguley & Ahkeem Lee	Enhancing Student Success Through Peer Mentorship
HSC 312	Sensory Room	-----
HSC 314	Kasey Thomas	Title IX at UAB
HSC 316	Dr. Lindsay Aycock	The Retention Playbook
HSC 318	Lori Edmonds	CoPEing for Educators: Supporting Teacher Academic and Professional Success

Fireside Chat with Dr. Mary Wallace & Dr. Paulette Dilworth
3:25 - 4:10 p.m. | HSC Ballrooms

Closing Remarks | 4:10 - 4:30 p.m. | HSC Ballrooms