

Upcoming Higher Education Conferences

[EDUCASE Annual Conference](#)

Date: September 29-October 2, 2026

Location: Denver, CO

Date: October 14-15, 2026

Location: Online

The Educause Annual Conference is the premier event for higher education technology professionals, connecting the brightest minds in the field. This global gathering brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds within the higher education industry – practitioners, researchers, and solution providers – to share ideas, develop their expertise, and discover innovative solutions to contemporary challenges.

[NACAC Conference 2026](#)

Date: October 8-10, 2026

Location: Minneapolis, MN

The NACAC Conference will gather over 6,000 dedicated counselors to exchange best practices, gain inspiration, and explore cutting-edge research in admission counseling. This event provides higher education counselors with the chance to discover innovative strategies, engage with thought leaders and peers, stay updated with the latest research, and connect with a diverse community of professionals.

UPCEA Convergence

Date: October 13-15, 2026

Location: Washington, DC

The UPCEA Convergence conference explores contemporary trends and emerging models within the realm of alternative credentials. This event, a collaborative effort by UPCEA and AACRAO, serves as a platform for key campus figures involved in credential innovation. This includes deans of professional education, chief online learning officers, registrars, and their respective teams. Together, they aim to delineate and refine institutional strategies concerning alternative credentials.

WCET Annual Meeting

Date: October 14-16, 2026

Location: Minneapolis, MN

The WCET Annual Meeting brings together higher education professionals and practitioners to foster critical discussions, share the latest advancements in digital learning, and navigate the evolving regulatory landscape. With a registration limit of 500, the intimate and collegial setting of the WCET Annual Meeting offers unique opportunities for meaningful dialogue and insights, making it a valuable event for leaders and practitioners in digital learning.

HighEdWeb Association Annual Conference 2026

Date: October 18-21, 2026

Location: Online and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Connect with colleagues and explore the impact of digital media on higher education at the HighEdWeb Annual Conference. Designed for professionals across all roles—programmers, marketers, social media experts, managers, designers, and writers—this event offers diverse track sessions, an inspiring keynote, and group discussions. Engage with a vibrant community, gain valuable insights, and address unique digital challenges faced by colleges and universities, all while expanding your network and enhancing your professional development.

HBCU Faculty Development Network

Date: October 29-31, 2026

Location: Charlotte, NC

This conference advances institutional excellence across HBCUs by strengthening the professional growth, leadership capacity, and instructional effectiveness of faculty, staff, and academic leaders. Grounded in community-centered collaboration and knowledge sharing, it supports the HBCU Faculty Development Network's mission to promote effective teaching, student success, and leadership readiness in a changing higher education landscape.

P3 EDU – Innovation and Public-Private Partnership in Higher Education

Date: November 2-4, 2026

Location: Atlanta, GA

P3 EDU is an invitation-only annual conference that brings together university administrators, government officials, and representatives from foundations and corporations to discuss public-private partnerships in higher education. Attendees will delve into partnership opportunities, share best practices, and address the challenges of implementing successful public-private partnerships in higher education.

OLC Accelerate

Date: November 16-19, 2026

Location: Orlando, FL

The Accelerate 2026 conference, hosted by the Online Learning Consortium, showcases groundbreaking research and highly effective practices in online and digital learning across K-12, higher education, and corporate L&D. This event is designed to empower and support leaders, instructional designers, educators, and training professionals by offering a wide range of sessions and activities. These are specifically curated to address the unique challenges and shared goals of our entire community, helping to shape the evolving landscape of digital learning and workforce development.

The Council of Independent Colleges – 2027 Presidents Institute

Date: January 4–7, 2027

Location: San Diego, CA

The Council of Independent Colleges' 2027 Presidents Institute serves as a pivotal gathering amid the shifting higher education environment, offering a space for leaders to address key challenges. The 2027 gathering will provide over 300 college and university presidents, along with nearly 750 participants, the opportunity to explore how strategic community engagement can transform challenges into opportunities. With a focus on critical issues like financial sustainability, legal challenges, DEI and belonging, and federal policy, this event offers timely insights for navigating higher education's political landscape.

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities – 2027 Annual Meeting & Advocacy Day

Date: January 31 – February 3, 2027

Location: Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC

NAICU's Annual Meeting & Advocacy Day is the premier policy and advocacy event for private, nonprofit higher education leadership, including college and university presidents, government relations personnel, and executives from state and mission-specific higher education associations. The meeting annually offers briefings on pressing policy issues affecting higher education and focuses advocacy efforts on these critical concerns.

OLC Innovate Virtual 2026

Date: April 20-22, 2027

Location: Virtual

The OLC Innovate virtual conference showcases groundbreaking research and effective practices in online, blended, and digital learning. It offers a diverse range of sessions and activities designed to support administrators, designers, and educators by addressing the unique challenges and goals of the entire community. This event is a comprehensive resource for staying at the forefront of innovative practices in digital education.

SXSW EDU Conference & Festival 2027

Date: March 13-16, 2027

Location: Austin, TX

Immerse yourself in four days of unparalleled learning and collaboration at the SXSW EDU Conference & Festival. Designed for education professionals, industry leaders, and policymakers, this pivotal event ignites creativity and fosters innovation in the field of education.

ACE Experience 2027

Date: March 3-6, 2027

Location: Washington, DC

The ACE Experience 2027 is a high-impact convening that will bring together leaders to explore how institutions can adapt with purpose, lead through complexity, and build meaningful solutions for students, campuses, and communities. Discover what's working now and what's next through sessions that blend strategic insights, actionable ideas, and collaborative problem-solving.

2027 Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Annual Conference

Date: April 17-19, 2027

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

HLC's Annual Conference is geared towards administrators in the higher education community, including administrative professionals, faculty members, CEOs, presidents, and chancellors. Sessions, speakers, and workshops provide opportunities for institutions that seek accreditation and offer information on the latest developments, issues, and best practices in higher education.

AGB National Conference on Trusteeship

Date: March 13-15, 2027

Location: Washington, DC

The AGB National Conference on Trusteeship brings together presidents, trustees and senior higher ed leaders to tackle today's most pressing governance challenges. Through a mix of sessions and peer-to-peer dialogue, attendees share strategies on institutional governance, board-president partnership, academic freedom and financial sustainability.

NAGAP, The Association for Graduate Enrollment – 2027 Graduate Enrollment Management Summit

Date: April 21-24, 2027

Location: New Orleans, LA

NAGAP's annual summit unites professionals engaged in every aspect of the graduate enrollment lifecycle—from admissions and recruitment to financial aid, academic affairs, and beyond. As the only professional organization dedicated exclusively to graduate enrollment management, NAGAP provides a unique platform for addressing the specific concerns and challenges faced by those in this field.

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2027

Date: April 23-27, 2027

Location: Indianapolis, Indiana

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Conference hosts a premier professional development event for leaders and stakeholders in the community college sector. It features impactful keynote presentations, focused breakout sessions, technology showcases, and peer-to-peer exchanges, all aimed at addressing the most pressing challenges and opportunities in two-year colleges. With a focus on innovation, problem-solving, and extensive networking opportunities, the AACC Annual Conference serves as an essential platform for shaping the future of community college education.

ASU+GSV Summit 2027

Date: April 4-7, 2027

Location: San Diego, CA

The ASU GSV Summit brings together leading thinkers in digital learning and workforce skills to create a future where everyone has equal access to opportunity. It is a community of educators, entrepreneurs, investors, and innovators in the educational technology and higher education industry who are motivated in reshaping society and education through innovation.

2027 UPCEA Annual Conference

Date: April 13-15, 2027

Location: Anaheim, CA

UPCEA's Annual Conference is one of the most significant assemblies of thought leaders and practitioners today in the field of professional, continuing and online education. Deans and other senior university leaders, key staff, and teams responsible for the management, administration and growth of professional, continuing and online education programs attend every year to gain insights on the most pressing topics in the higher education landscape – including federal policy, finance and operations, marketing and enrollment management, instructional design, noncredit programs, alternative credentialing and more.

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO) Annual Meeting

Date: April 4-7, 2027

Location: Long Beach, CA

Join a global network of higher education professionals at the AACRAO Annual Meeting, where leaders from various disciplines come together to explore, engage, and advance the field. This event provides an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing landscape of higher education, share valuable insights, and collaborate on practical solutions to real-world challenges. Each year, the AACRAO Annual Meeting tackles emerging issues and trends, offering attendees the chance to deepen their knowledge, expand their network, and contribute to the future of higher education.

2027 Engage Summit

Date: June 21-23, 2027

Location: Charlotte, NC

The Engage Summit focuses on practical applications of AI, equipping attendees to lead their institutions through AI transformation. Participants will gain insights into the modern student's mindset—understanding their motivations, interactions, and expectations in today's digital landscape. This event serves as a great opportunity for educational leaders to prepare their campuses for the evolving future of learning.

2027 Career Education Colleges and Universities (CECU) Convention

Date: June 21-23, 2027

Location: Denver, CO

The North American Career Education Convention is regarded as the largest gathering of private career education professionals nationwide. Featuring renowned keynote speakers, expert-led sessions, and ample opportunities to connect with sector leaders, this conference attracts a diverse audience each year, fostering collaboration and innovation in postsecondary career education.

Slate Summit 2027

Date: June 2-4, 2027

Location: Nashville, TN

The Slate Summit, an exclusive event led by the Slate community, provides a deep dive into specific Slate topics through expert-led sessions and offers networking opportunities with like-minded peers in affinity group breakouts. This year's Summit, tailored for admissions, student success, and advancement professionals, promises to be the most engaging and informative yet, featuring industry experts, interactive workshops, and unparalleled networking opportunities.