
Event Agenda

ACSN Conference 2026

Sunday, July 19, 2026

- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

ACSN Board Meeting

Location: Moyle Boardroom at the Karsh Alumni and Visitors Center - 2080 Duke University Road
- 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Dinner for Early Arrivals

Location: TBD

Monday, July 20, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Continental Breakfast for Pre-Conference Attendees

Location: Atrium
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration Check-in Open

Location: Atrium
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pre-Conference: Make Work Human - Building Individual and Team Capacity in the Future of Work

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Allison McWilliams
- 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch for Pre-Conference Attendees and Early Arrivals

Location: The Marketplace
- 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM

Conference Kickoff

Location: Ballroom C
- 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Keynote: Proactive Networking - Exact Instructions for Boosting Visibility and Advocacy on the Job

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Steve Dalton
- 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Faciliated Networking and Newcomer's Session

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Paul Pausky, Jon Koegler
- 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Break / Sponsor Visits

Location: Atrium
- 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Breakout Session 1

Bridging the Gap: Industry-Aligned Career Development at NJIT

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Location: Ballroom D

Speaker: John Borgese

Connecting With Alumni in Their “What’s Next”: A Simple Framework that Gives Career Tools a Place to Land

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Location: Ballroom E

Speaker: Cheryl Bonner

Connecting the Campus: Launching an Internal Career Conference for Alumni & Student Success

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Becky Spaulding, Sierra Stubblefield

4:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Optional Campus Tour

Location: Atrium

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Small Group Dinners

Location: Atrium

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

Location: The Marketplace

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Optional Group Walk/Run

Location: J.B. Duke Lobby

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration Open

Location: Atrium

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome

Location: Ballroom C

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Pienary Session: Beyond the Fear: Helping Clients Navigate Mid-Career AI Anxiety with Confidence and Compassion

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: LaVonne James

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Break / Sponsor Visits

Location: Atrium

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Breakout Session 2

Content + Connections: Building Alumni Career Support through In-Person Industry-Focused Programming

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Ballroom D

Speaker: Eric Hunter

Increase Your Clicks + Views: Strategies for Driving Alumni Awareness, Career Education, and Engagement Online

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Ballroom E

Speaker: Lauren Beam

Creating and Sustaining an Alumni Workplace Engagement Program by Solving for Three Big Challenges

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Jackie O'Leary, Cara Folk

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Awards Presentation

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Kate Sawicki

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

SWAG Swap

Location: Ballroom C

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch

Location: The Marketplace

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Sponsor Roundtables

Location: Ballroom C

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Breakout Session 3

Beyond the Job Board: Unlocking the Hidden 80% of Opportunities for Alumni

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: Ballroom D

Speakers: Kevin Wu, Paul Pausky

Empowering Alumni Through Shared Learning: The Villanova Job Search Club Model

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: Ballroom E

Speaker: Casey Hilferty

Vision & Strategy: Who Has Time for It?

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Jess Pitcher

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Break / Sponsor Visits

Location: Atrium

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Roundtables

Location: Ballroom C

Building Career Content Into On-Campus Traditions

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Wendy Coakley

Born of Necessity: Resources for Public Service Alums in 2025

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Allison Besch

From Data to Delivery: Shaping the 3-Year Roadmap for Alumni Career Services

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Tracy Murray

The Quiet Edge: Thriving as an Introvert at Extraverted Campuses

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Terrence Hood

One Office, One Journey: Unifying Alumni and Career Services from Day One

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Stephanie Koontz

Career Communities – Supporting Students and Alums Based on Industry Interest

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Kate Sawicki

Turning Career Data into Action: Building Campus Partnerships to Support Alumni Careers Initiatives

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Crystal Parker, Sam Parham

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Break / Sponsor Visits

Location: Atrium

5:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Transportation to HiWire

Location: Front of J.B. Duke Hotel

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Offsite at HiWire Brewing

Location: Offsite

9:00 PM - 9:15 PM

Transportation to JB Duke Hotel

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

6:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

Location: The Marketplace

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting & 2027 Conference Announcement

Location: Ballroom C

Speaker: Kate Sawicki

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Breakout Session 4

Designing the Web: Laying the Foundation for Alumni Connections and Career Conversations

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Ballroom D

Speaker: Sabrina Broderick

Give Support, Get Support: A Strategic Approach to Balancing Alumni Career Guidance with Partnership Opportunities

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Ballroom E

Speakers: Liz Foster, Leyou Belayneh

Designing Career Experiences Alumni Actually Want: A Blueprint for Engagement

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Amy Gamblin, Jennifer Duncan

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Break / Sponsor Visits

Location: Atrium

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Design Thinking as a Catalyst for Turning Silos into Shared Solutions

Location: Ballroom C

Speakers: Alissa Clark, Alex Beard, Sam Schumacher

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch & Adjourn

Location: The Marketplace