

Navigating the Nontraditional

Monday, November 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Central Time
FREE virtual summit

SUMMIT AT A GLANCE

One summit link all day.

General sessions take place in the Main Room. During concurrent session blocks, choose Breakout Room A, B, or C. The Main Room remains open as the Summit Hub.

Time	Main Room / Program	Breakout Room A	Breakout Room B	Breakout Room C
9:00-9:20 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
9:20-10:20 a.m.	Opening Panel: Voices of Nontraditional Students			
10:20-10:30 a.m.	Screen Break			
10:30-11:20 a.m.	SUMMIT HUB Main Room remains open <i>Session evaluation link & summit assistance</i>	BREAKOUT A Creating Opportunities for Connection <i>Mollie Mart</i>	BREAKOUT B Through Their Eyes: Rethinking Your Institution From a Nontraditional Student's Perspective <i>Rebecca Baker</i>	BREAKOUT C Beyond Detection: Design for Mastery <i>Glorian Konieczny</i>
11:20-11:30 a.m.	Transition / Screen Break			
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Facilitated Networking Discussions			
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break			

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Summit at a Glance - Afternoon

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1:00-1:50 p.m.	SUMMIT HUB Main Room remains open <i>Session evaluation link & summit assistance</i>	BREAKOUT A The Parable of the Dust Buster and the Toddler <i>Amy Christopherson & Elizabeth Orr</i>	BREAKOUT B Re-Enrollment as a Workforce Strategy <i>Hannah Oganeku</i>	BREAKOUT C "This Is Crazy Work!": Helping Students Transition to College from GED Programs <i>Dr. Alana J. Simmons</i>
1:50-2:00 p.m.	Screen Break			
2:00-2:50 p.m.	SUMMIT HUB Main Room remains open <i>Session evaluation link & summit assistance</i>	BREAKOUT A From Confrontation to Connection: De-escalating Difficult Conversations with Nontraditional Students <i>Ashley Dalton</i>	BREAKOUT B From Interest to Enrollment: Removing Barriers for Transfer and Accelerated Nursing Students <i>Lynn F. Bailey</i>	BREAKOUT C Flourishing in Transition: Creating Wellbeing-Centered Onboarding Experiences for Adult Learners <i>Brett L. Petersen-Bruner</i>
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Screen Break / Transition			
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Closing General Session, Summit Wrap-Up & Evaluations			

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