

Celebrating 50 years



Student & Mid-Level Managers
Pre-Conferences

Annual Conference

October 15-17, 2017

Radisson Hotel
Corning, New York

ABOUT CSPA-NYS

MISSION STATEMENT

The College Student Personnel Association of New York State, Inc. is a comprehensive professional student affairs organization. We are dedicated to fostering the development of our members; a diverse community of educators, students and scholars within higher education.

VISION STATEMENT

CSPA-NYS provides exceptional professional development programs and networking opportunities for graduate students, new professionals and mid-level managers in higher education in New York State, and strategically partners with a number of resources to deliver on this promise. Strategic partners and resources include senior student affairs leaders, faculty in higher education, prior CSPA-NYS Board members, business leaders, companies, and other student affairs related organizations.

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the CSPA-NYS Executive Board, welcome to Corning, NY and to the culmination of the CSPA-NYS 50th Anniversary celebration! It has been my pleasure to serve as your President during this exciting time and I would like to thank my esteemed board colleagues for their service to the association. At conference we are proud to share with you the newest strategic plan that will take CSPA-NYS from our 50th year through 2020. This has been a central focus of their work this past year.

Throughout 2017, current and past CSPA-NYS members have recognized the anniversary milestone and contributed to our association's future by joining the Golden Anniversary Member campaign. Thank you to those who have already contributed! If you have not done so already, I encourage you to consider doing so while you are with us at conference. Stop by Conference Concierge or speak to any member of the Executive Board about this opportunity.

Celebrating 50 Years of CSPA-NYS would not have been possible without the work of the 50th Anniversary Task Force. I would like to thank the members of the task force for their dedication to the association and for the vision they brought to life! Taking the time to recognize our past informs us in meaningful ways.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to our conference chair, Kristen Mruk, the conference co-chair, Jennifer Jerussi, and the rest of the Annual Conference Team for their talent and time in developing a conference program that will no doubt be both incredible and historic. As our conference theme of Mosaic illustrates, I invite you to use this time together to share not only the stories that celebrate our past, but practices, experiences, and knowledge that will shape the future of our work.



Take good care,

Benjamin Fabian
President, CSPA-NYS
Assistant Director
Student Conduct & Advocacy
University at Buffalo



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WELCOME FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHAIRS

Dear Annual Conference Attendees,

From the Conference Planning Team and the Executive Board of the College Student Personnel Association of New York State (CSPA-NYS), we welcome you to Corning, New York for the 2017 CSPA-NYS Annual Conference! The Conference Planning Team has been meeting consistently since this time last year to create a meaningful, historic, and outstanding experience for you!

The theme of this year's conference, "Mosaic," is the perfect representation of this year's conference. In the world of art, a mosaic is a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces of variously colored material to form pictures or patterns. In the heart of the Gaffer District of Corning, we found it only fitting to utilize our gathering to collaboratively create a glass mosaic art piece. Additionally, we feel the theme illustrates the coming together of individual members, past and current, to form our Association. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of CSPA-NYS, we look forward to gathering people together, embracing our history, and sharing stories and experiences that have shaped who we are as an association.

Our vision for the 2017 CSPA-NYS Annual Conference focuses on celebrating our history while looking toward the future in a way that is transformative, memorable, and relevant. We have put together a program that will provide a number of innovative educational formats and opportunities for attendees to engage with the content and each other.

To bring our symbolic mosaic to fruition, we are excited to share some of this year's highlights:

- New this year, the CSPA-NYS branded app will provide the conference schedule, session evaluations, conference information, and much more! We hope you utilize this powerful tool to its fullest extent!
- Saturday, October 14 will bring together graduate and undergraduate students for the Student Pre-Conference, for students interested in student affairs as a career, as well as our attendees of the Mid-Level Managers Pre-Conference for professionals in the field with five or more years of experience to intimately discuss the nuances of middle management.
- Keynote Patrick Love, longtime member and supporter of CSPA-NYS, will present formally during our dinner on Sunday and directly following will host "Late Night with Patrick Love" to interview some of our past leadership.
- Tuesday's keynote panel will include in person talks from Wilson Okello and Hannah Brencher as well as a live virtual presentation from author Dannelle D. Stevens.
- Special programs will include wellness events like laughter yoga and a walk/run through the Gaffer District, birthday party at VOLO restaurant and lounge, and trivia!

We have a slate of educational programs that are sure to inspire creativity and learning as well as a number of opportunities to celebrate 50 years of CSPA-NYS. Throughout the conference, stop into the Keuka room to experience the history of our association as the CSPA-NYS museum will be an opportunity to see how we have made our way to 2017. You will have the opportunity to participate in our oral history project, leave well wishes and advice for the professionals of 2042 in our time capsule, and explore the ways in which you can shape the future of our Association. On Monday evening, our celebration will culminate at the 50th Anniversary Gala at the Corning Museum of Glass. Following our program and dinner, docents of the museum will take you on a guided tour of the exhibits!

Thank you for spending your time with us in Corning! We hope to exceed your expectations, but know that if you have any questions or concerns during your experience, any Conference Planning Team members will be happy to assist you!

Welcome to Corning and the 2017 Annual Conference!

Kristen Mruk
2017 Annual Conference Chair
Genesee Community College

Jenn Jerussi
2017 Co-Chair/2018 Annual Conference Chair
Union College

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2017 CSPA-NYS ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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ENHANCE YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & CONCIERGE

All conference participants must check in at the registration table during scheduled hours. Conference registration will be available at the Radisson Corning Hotel Lobby on the first floor near the main entrance.

Saturday, Oct. 14: 7:30 am-4:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 15: 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Monday, Oct. 16: 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 17: 7:30 a.m- 1:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERING

Enhance your conference experience by joining the volunteer team! Enjoy the opportunity to network, spend time with colleagues new and old, and get a behind the scenes look at the conference. You can sign up to volunteer at the Conference Concierge

SOCIAL MEDIA AT THE CONFERENCE

If you use Facebook, please like our page, CSPA-NYS. For Twitter users, be sure to follow @CSPANYS for conference updates and use #CSPANYS17 in your tweets for answers to questions and to engage in the conference activities and conversations. Be sure to check out our special Snapchat filters and Facebook frames! Be sure to post and share with your fellow higher education colleagues.

SCHEDULE VIA CROWDCOMPASS

To customize your conference experience, CSPA-NYS is using the service CrowdCompass. To access CrowdCompass, download the app on your smart device and enter the event password: CSPANYS. Create your account, customize your schedule, and take part in the social wall! Everything you need is now at your fingertips!

WELLNESS EVENTS

Jump start your mornings by participating in rejuvenation sessions! On Monday, lower your stress levels and crack a smile by participating in Laughter Yoga in the Cohocton Room. Then on Tuesday, walk, jog, or run through the beautiful city of Corning. Be sure to share your photos via CrowdCompass!

CSPA-NYS MUESUM

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CSPA-NYS by honoring it's past! Participate in our interactive exhibit and learn more about the history of our association. The muesum will be located in the Keuka Room throughout the duration of the conference.



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CONFERENCE THEME

MOSAIC: *noun* a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces of variously colored material to form pictures or patterns.

This year's conference theme, *Mosaic*, illustrates the coming together of individual members to form CSPA-NYS. In celebration of the 50th anniversary, we hope to bring together people, embrace our history, and share stories and experiences that have shaped our association.

CONFERENCE NAME BADGES

Name badges are required in order to attend all meetings and special activities. Your name badge will also help you get acquainted with other attendees. Pick up yours upon registration.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Radisson Hotel Corning features services that help make your stay a productive one. Including Express Check-in/Check-out and free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. When you're ready to unwind, decompress in the outdoor whirlpool spa or work out in the fitness center. CSPA-NYS would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Radisson Corning Hotel for all their help with our annual conference!

CORNING, NEW YORK

Interested in learning more about Corning, NY? Please go online to www.cityofcorning.com for more information about all the attractions, food, and events in the area during your stay with us at the conference. Visit the Corning Museum of Glass, the cornerstone of the Corning community and consider taking a tour of this beautiful facility with a museum docent following Monday night's 50th Anniversary Gala taking place at the museum. Visit their website at www.cmog.org for more information.



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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Student Pre-Conference Schedule		
Saturday, Oct. 14	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Pre-Conference Registration	Main Lobby
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Welcome	Cohocton Room
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Grad Panel	Rockwell Room
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Next Gen-Panel	Tioga Room
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Growing Your Network	Tioga Room
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Now, You're a Supervisor	Rockwell Room
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bob Bonfiglio	Cohocton Room
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Seneca/Cayuga Rooms
1:00-1:50 p.m.	Demystifying the Grad School App	Rockwell Room
1:00-1:50 p.m.	The Student Affairs Job Search	Tioga Room
2:00-2:50 p.m.	CliftonStrengths	Cohocton Room
3:00-3:50 p.m.	Grad. Case Study Interest Meeting	Rockwell Room
3:00-3:50 p.m.	Next-Gen Case Study	Tioga Room
4:00-4:15 p.m.	Say YES (as often as you can)!	Cohocton Room
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Final Wrap-up/Reflection	Cohocton Room



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE-SPC

Saturday, Oct. 14

7:30-8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

Location: Radisson Hotel Lobby

9:00-9:50 a.m.

SESSION 1

Grad Panel

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Various student affairs/higher education professionals

Details: Participants will hear from a variety of student affairs and higher education professionals in various functional areas and get advice about navigating graduate school/first professional position successfully. Participants will have an opportunity to ask panelist questions.

Next Gen-Panel

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Various student affairs/higher education professionals

Details: Participants will hear from a variety of student affairs and higher education professionals in various functional areas and get advice about navigating graduate school/first professional position successfully. Participants will have an opportunity to ask panelist questions.

10:00-10:50 a.m.

SESSION 2

Growing Your Network

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Jenn Jerussi, *Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Union College*

Details: This workshop will discuss ways to grow your personal network outside of where you work or attend school. I will discuss strategies for finding interesting communities, organizations, and opportunities for professional development.

SESSION 2 (CONT.)

Now, You're a Supervisor

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Ben Weiner, *Union College*

Details: You made it! You're finally a professional with your own building, your own office, and oh yeah, your own staff! Having your own staff can be challenging and learning how to supervise a group of students can be tricky. In this session, you will learn how the intersectionality of leadership and followership can benefit your first year as a supervisor.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenters: Dr. Bob Bonfiglio, *Vice President for Student and Campus Life, SUNY Geneseo*

1:00-1:50 p.m.

SESSION 3

Demystifying the Grad School

Application: How to get into your ideal graduate program

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Tim Zhang and Michelle Ng, *New York University*

Details: This presentation will help undergrads understand the process of applying to a graduate program in higher education. This intensive session is full of practical tips about applying for graduate program(s), strategies for successful admission to your ideal program and an introduction to NASPA's Graduate Program Directory.

The Student Affairs Job Search

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Kristina Feduik, *Graduate Assistant, University at Buffalo*

Details: Resumes, interviewing, networking, keeping track of everything can be overwhelming! Learn helpful tips on what to expect from your first major student affairs job search.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE-SPC

Saturday, Oct. 14

2:00-2:50 p.m.

CLIFTONSTRENGTHS

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenters: Kate Schurick, *Dean of First-Year Students, Union College*

Details: This session will provide an overview of CliftonStrengths. Additionally, we will discuss how one can use their Strengths for personal statements and job searching. Participants will begin to put together theme weaving paragraphs. An opportunity to take the StrengthsFinder assessment will be given to participants in advance.

3:00-3:50 p.m.

SESSION 4

Graduate Case Study Interest Meeting

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Beth Chase and Ryan Spearer, *University at Buffalo*

Next Gen Case Study

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Ben Weiner, *Union College*

Details: Participants will get to out their knowledge and experience into practice. Small groups will review a case study and problem solve to come up with solutions.

4:00-4:15 p.m.

SAY YES (as often as you can)!

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenters: Ally McCarthy, *Leadership Programming Coordinator, University at Buffalo*

Details: This "Fired Up!" session gives undergraduates and graduate students and opportunity to hear about all the wonderful opportunities available to them as current student members of CSPA-NYS. This session will be an encouraging 15 minutes about how student members can get involved in conference planning, presenting and participating at various CSPA-NYS events.

4:15-4:30 p.m.

WRAP-UP AND REFLECTION

Location: Cohocton Room



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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Mid-Level Managers Pre-Conference Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 14	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Pre-Conference Registration	Main Lobby
8:30-9:00 a.m.	MMPC Welcome	Chemung Room
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Managing Up: a Mutual Benefit	Chemung Room
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Purpose and Intention	Chemung Room
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Applying Your Strengths as a Manager	Chemung Room
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Seneca/Cayuga Rooms
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Leading a Strategic Planning Process	Chemung Room
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Essential Competencies in Student Affairs	Chemung Room
3:00-4:00 p.m.	DISCover Your Supervision Style	Chemung Room



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE-MMPC

Saturday, Oct. 14

7:30-8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

Location: Radisson Hotel Lobby

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Managing Up: A Mutual Benefit

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Dr. Shelitha Williams

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Purpose and Intention

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Charles (Chip) Matthews II

Details: According to Kendall Bronk, "Purpose [is] having a goal in life that you care deeply about and that contributes to the world beyond yourself in some productive sense." In this session will explore what is meant by, "Purpose." Participants will have opportunities to interact with one another as they examine the concepts of purpose and intention and discuss how it affects every facet of their lives. After active involvement in the session, participants should be able to better defined their Statement of Intention and should have an action plan for more fully realizing their purpose.

11:00-12:00 a.m.

Applying Your Strengths as a Manager

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Chris Diggs, *Director of Residential Life, Fashion Institute of Technology*

Details: It is well documented that knowing your talents and applying them to your work brings greater success and satisfaction. As a manager, there are many opportunities to use the talents you have in your role. From setting priorities to project management and supervision, applying a strengths-based approach to your work will enhance all that you do. This session will help you deepen an understanding of your own strengths and identify ways in which you can use them at work.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE-MMPC

Saturday, Oct. 14

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Leading a Strategic Planning Process

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Amy Wilson

Details: As professionals we are often asked to participate in institutional strategic planning processes, but rarely get a chance to facilitate our own. This session will provide an overview of how to conduct a strategic planning process for your department/division and how it can help you manage priorities, budget, and staff.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Essential Competencies in Student Affairs: Beyond a Standardized Approach

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Roberto Bonfiglio, *Vice President for Student & Campus Life, SUNY Geneseo*

Details: "This workshop will offer mid-level managers in student affairs an opportunity to consider the essential competencies of the field in a way that is different from how they have been articulated by our professional organizations. The workshop will explore the personal nature of essential competencies; the relationship between institutional mission statements and essential competencies; and some underappreciated essential competencies.

3:00-4:00 p.m.

DISCover Your Supervision Style

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Jude Butch, *Associate Director for Student Engagement, University at Buffalo*

Details: Supervision is a central aspect of your role as a mid-level professional, however, due to the high paced nature of your work, you probably do not have the ability to spend as much time honing your supervisory skills as you would like. This workshop will allow you the opportunity to reflect on and hone your supervisory style by utilizing the concepts of DISC to recognize different supervisory styles and teaching techniques to be better supervisors.

4:00-4:30 p.m.

Wrap Up and Farewell

Location: Chemung Room



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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct. 15	Event	Location
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Conference Registration & Concierge	Main Lobby
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Conference Program-Session 1	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
1:30-1:55 p.m.	Conference Kick-Off	Keuka Room
2:00-2:50 p.m.	Conference Program-Session 2	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
3:00-3:50 p.m.	Conference Program-Session 3	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Seneca/Cayuga Room
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Seneca/Cayuga Room
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Keynote Address-Patrick Love	Seneca/Cayuga Room
8:15-9:15 p.m.	Late Night with Patrick Love	Seneca/Cayuga Room
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Trivia	Seneca/Cayuga Room
Monday, Oct. 16	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Wellness Event: <i>Laughter Yoga</i>	Cohocton Room
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Conference Registration & Concierge	Main Lobby
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	SUNY CCSAO Meeting	Carder Room
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Conference Program-Session 4	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Conference Program-Session 5	TIO, CHE, COH
11:00-11:50 a.m.	Conference Program-Session 6	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
12:00-2:30 p.m.	Lunch and Awards	Seneca/Cayuga Rooms
2:50-3:40 p.m.	Conference Program-Session 7	ROC, TIO, CHE, COH
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Esther Lloyd Jones Case Study Competition	Seneca/Cayuga Rooms
5:30-6:30 p.m.	50th Anniversary Gala Reception	Corning Museum of Glass
6:35-8:00 p.m.	50th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Program	Corning Museum of Glass
8:00-10:00 p.m.	CSPA-NYS After Dark	Volo Bar & Lounge
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Wellness Event: <i>Walk/Run</i>	City of Corning
7:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Conference Registration & Concierge	Main Lobby
7:30-11:00 a.m.	SUNY CCSAO Meeting	Carder Room
8:30-9:15 a.m.	2018 Conference Committee Interest Meeting	Cohocton Room
9:15-10:05 a.m.	Conference Program-Session 8	ROC, CHE, Cayuga
10:10-11:00 a.m.	Conference Program-Session 9	ROC, CHE, COH
11:05-12:30 p.m.	Closing Keynote Panel	Seneca/Cayuga Room
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Seneca/Cayuga Room
1:00-2:30 p.m.	CSPA-NYS Executive Board Meeting	Carder Room
1:00-5:00 p.m.	SUNY RHLA Meeting	CHE, ROC, COH

Rockwell: ROC

Cohocton: COH

Chemung: CHE

Tioga: TIO



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 15

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

REGISTRATION

Location: Radisson Hotel Lobby

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

SESSION 1

Non-Violence as a Tool for Student Advocacy

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Terri Budek and Kerry Spicer

Details: Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives to violence” (Dorothy Thomas). Nonviolence is not simply the absence of violence or conflict but means compassion, understanding and goodwill. College campuses are experiencing student’s upholding their right to free speech and an increase in the level of student advocacy. This session will explore the principles and steps of nonviolence as an approach to our work on a college campus. We will use this theory to highlight ways to build inclusive communities through our work with various campus constituents (student advocates, emergency teams/campus responders, departments, student organizations, etc.).

DISCover Your Supervision Style

(The class that wasn’t offered in Grad School)

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Jude Butch & Ally McCarthy

Details: Supervision is a central aspect of student affairs practice, yet little to no training is offered in our graduate preparatory courses on the subject. This workshop utilizes DISC to recognize different supervisory styles and teaches techniques on how to adapt in order to be better supervisors.

SESSION 1 (Cont.)

Navigating a Conference: How to make the most of it.

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Jackie Martin & Mary Holland

Details: This session is meant to help new professionals or upcoming professionals make the most out of their conference experience. This is often times the first time attending a conference and that can be overwhelming. We will provide tips and tricks on how to have the best experience at this conference and future conferences as well. There will be take aways that will benefit participants experience throughout the conference.

Surviving the Dreaded Student Affairs Burnout Fact

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Tom Krieglstein

Details: There comes a moment in every Student Affairs professional’s career when it’s 1am and three students are still in the office and you know you have to be back at school the next morning. How can you keep going? Those who figure out how to survive the dreaded Student Affairs burnout factor go on to amazing and successful careers in higher education. In this session, we’ll outline the key to helping you better manage the high level of pressure within Student Affairs and ultimately remain happy as you soar to new professional heights.

1:30 p.m.-1:55 p.m.

CONFERENCE KICKOFF

Location: Keuka Room

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Sunday, Oct. 15

2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

SESSION 2

Pokemon GO! and Higher Ed: Experience Education in the Digital Environment

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Dave Eng

Details: This presentation presents both the theoretical a background and the applicability of experiential education in a digital environment. Pokemon GO! Represents one of the latest iterations of how experiential education can be applied in a digital environment like augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR). This application paired with gamification can be used to engage learners, enhance participation, and exceed learning outcomes.

Missing Middle in Curriculum Implementation

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Mary Duex, Tyler Pundt, & Vinnie Gravanda

Details: You know who you are as an institution and you know what your students' need, but do you know how to give it to them? A curricular model provides an elevated focus on student learning when compared to traditional programming models, but the transition into a residential curriculum can be complicated. Institution's (such as you) attend conferences (such as this one) to learn from others (such as us!); however, if you think this session is about Alfred State and how to utilize our best practices for you--you are mistaken. We are here to help you determine for yourself how to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

SESSION 2 (Cont.)

CSPA-NYS Presidents Panel: Lessons Learned

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Doreen Hettich-Atkins

Details: Organizational presidents are sometimes seen as "knowing it all". In reality, serving as an organizational president is one of the greatest learning experiences you can have professionally. Past-presidents of CSPA-NYS will share what they learned through their experiences (positive, negative, and humorous too) and share tips for what you should think about before running for a leadership position.

But...We Have Always Done It This Way

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Luke Haumesser

Details: Whether working with coworkers, university departments, student organizations, or other stakeholders, we need to think about the influence of campus culture. Are we reinforcing the status quo or looking for new ways to grow and evolve? It is important to consistently review current processes and embrace change when it is needed. This session will break down campus culture and the share some ways to implement change at your institution.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 15

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m.

SESSION 3

Leading Yourself to Success: The Importance of Self Leadership

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Beth Chase & Lateef Wearrien

Details: When was the last time you thought about your personal leadership development? As practitioners move into new seasons of their careers, they often forget that their leadership skills are growing and developing to meet new needs. In this session, participants will learn the value of Self Leadership and how to apply it to their everyday life. Through active conversations, reflective activities, and presentation of self leadership concepts, participants will leave with new knowledge of their own development. Participants will also have new tools to help others develop their own sense of self leadership.

Going Global: Planning and Implementing Short-Term Study Aboard Experiences

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Kim Kline, Chelsea Kettle, Lauren Rothschild, & Tiffany Wagner

Details: In January 2017, a group of students and faculty from the Higher Education Administration Department at SUNY Buffalo State planned, implemented, and participated in a short-term study abroad trip to Germany. The focus of the trip was to learn about ways in which German Higher Education Institutions welcome New Germans (primarily refugees). The session will share lessons learned while abroad as well as tips and advice on creating or participating in this type of experience.

SESSION 3 (Cont.)

Disability as Diversity-Access in the Digital Age

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Nazely Kurkjian & Gabriella Vasta

Details: The goal of this presentation is to raise awareness for ensuring accessible digital environments for individuals with disabilities. As colleges and universities advance their web presence and services through digital means, equal access to the electronic information is critical for universal inclusion. The presenters will introduce key concepts, how individuals with disabilities access the digital environment, and common barriers to accessing information. Attendees will walk away with a greater understanding of accessibility, their role in maintaining accessible environments, and tools and resources to enhance digital media.

Is it Time to Level Up-Evaluating and Planning Next Steps

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Peter Smith & Kate Burrow

Details: Determining if it is time for a professional move or advancement can be a challenging decision to make. In this session we will examine some self-reflection questions enabling participants to determine where they are in their professional journey and if they are ready for a mid-Level position. Two experienced professionals will share essential skills needed in any functional area of Student Affairs as a Mid-Level manager and some challenges and pitfalls that young professionals face when transitioning into these roles.

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Sunday, Oct. 15/Moday, Oct. 16

Sunday, October 15

5:00-6:00 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Location: Corridor/Main Lobby

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Location: Seneca & Cayuga Rooms

Presenter(s): Dr. Patrick Love

8:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

**LATE NIGHT WITH
PATRICK LOVE**

Location: Seneca & Cayuga Rooms

Presenter(s): Dr. Patrick Love

9:30 p.m.

TRIVIA

Location: Seneca & Cayuga Rooms

Presenter(s): Andrea Gustafson

Monday, October 16

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Location: Radisson Hotel Lobby

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

WELLNESS EVENT

Laughter Yoga

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Mark Fabbi

9:00 a.m.-9:50 p.m.

SESSION 4

Preparing for the Next 50 Years

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Dr. Patrick Love

Details: Join Patrick for a follow up conversation about the issues and challenges identified in the keynote address. Learn about the practice and promise of futures forecasting as one way to prepare for what's ahead and consider ways of creating our future.

**The Five Essential Elements: Infusing
Clubs and Organizations with
Leadership Development**

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Zac Barbis & Brittany Richards

Details: This presentation will cover the evolution of leadership programs at Alfred State and how to incorporate and infuse leadership development into clubs, organizations, and all of your events on campus. This leadership model is focused on involvement, student development, and leadership through clubs and organizations using Well being: The Five Essential Elements as a basis.



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SESSION 4 (Cont.)

Going Global: Implementing an Internationalized Curriculum at the Graduate Level

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Chelsea Kettle

Details: For many higher education institutions, developing one's global competence is encouraged through the implementation of study abroad programs and other international experiences. International programs are regularly structured to accommodate undergraduate students, but often neglect to be inclusive of postbaccalaureate students. This session examines graduate students who participate in study abroad programs, how the experience has impacted them, and what steps can be taken to incorporate more abroad experiences into an internationalized curriculum.

Finding Strength and Value in Alternatie Sanctioning

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Kate Schurick & Trish Williams

Details: At Union College, we noticed a trend in students who made decisions that put them at odds with our conduct code. If this trend continued, it would put their enrollment in jeopardy. A common denominator for these students was their lack of involvement or connection with anything outside the classroom about which they were passionate. At the same time, an increasing number of our student leaders were using "Strengths" to improve their navigation of the growing pool of opportunities around campus. With retention and reducing the recidivism rate, as goals, we decided to implement a new sanction for minor conduct violations using the CliftonStrengths tool to initiate a conversation with the "frequent flyers" and identify connections that may inspire passion and lead to activities more in line with our behavioral expectations. Join us to learn how we are making it happen.

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

SESSION 5

Blended High Impact Experiential Learning

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Dave Eng

Details: Student affairs professionals must find ways to engage and educate students using emerging tools with established theory. Blended high impact experiential learning (BHIEL) combines traditional face-to-face instruction with digital media and high impact experiential activities in order to create a student centered learning environment. This session examines how one school's student staff training program used BHIEL to creatively meet learning outcomes; engage students; and develop student leaders using free online educational resources. Outcomes and future applications are discussed.

The New Old Science of Postive Psychology: Philosophy and Tools for Practice

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): John Robert O'Connor

Details: Come learn about research in the field of positive psychology that informs practice tools and philosophies of positive leadership. get concrete tools you can use in multiple organizational settings to build a positive organization and leadership team. Graduate Students or Professional staff will leave with new tools and ideas they can use. Institution's (such as you) attend conferences (such as this one) to learn from others (such as us!); however, if you think this session is about Alfred State and how to utilize our best practices for you--you are mistaken. We are here to help you determine for yourself how to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

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SESSION 5 (Cont.)

Sustainability on a Campus: Insight into a Campus Collection Program

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Sri Kartik

Details: Campus sustainability initiatives are on the rise and student run initiatives and environmentally conscious groups are gaining a lot of popularity. At the Rochester Institute of Technology, Goodbye Goodbuy is a program that started three years ago and it aimed at upcycling and recycling the waste generated during the end of the semester in our residential spaces. The program is responsible for diverting more than 36 tons of donations which could have ended in a landfill and the wide range of collections is made available for the student community in the fall. This student run program has reduced environmental impact, allowed students to give and take from their community and building relationships with on and off campus partners. Join this presentation for an insight into the process and discuss the role Residence Life plays in supporting and implementing this each year and what future opportunities exist.

Approaches to Engaging Faculty in Student Programming

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Danielle Lewis

Details: As a Student Affairs professional, it can sometimes be daunting to approach faculty to engage in programming that you offer for students. Come and hear about a variety of approaches that one Student Affairs professional has taken to include faculty in her work with several student programs. You will leave this session both feeling encouraged and empowered and with tangible ideas and suggestions for how to approach and engage faculty in your programming.

11:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

SESSION 6

Does Online Education Have a Role in Your Office

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Rebecca Harrington

Details: In early 2016 professionals from SUNY, CUNY, and NYSDOH met to discuss the feasibility of developing an online course that met federal and state mandates regarding sexual violence prevention education for incoming students. The goal was to develop a low-cost resource that multiple schools could customize. This presentation will review the experience through the lens of one professional who contributed to this project and how their practice has changed as a result of gaining a new skill.

Hacking our Health: Fostering a Maker Culture for Student Empowerment and Success

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Trevor Jones & Mike Buffalin

Details: Universities and secondary schools nationwide are beginning to adopt forward thinking programs and opportunities for students by drawing from the worldwide phenomena of the Maker Movement and hacker culture. Some colleges are now even incorporating “maker portfolios” into their admissions process. The objective of this presentation is to illustrate how Student Affairs staff can learn to identify as makers/hackers as well, in order to broaden the impact of our direct services and outreach efforts. We will be sharing a model for our collaboration between Counseling & Psychological Services and our on-campus Makerspace, The Construct, and how this unique partnership is informing innovative ways of developing student resiliency and resourcefulness. In this presentation, we will also demonstrate examples of projects we have built/developed for students. Attendee questions and input are highly encouraged.



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Monday, Oct. 16

SESSION 6 (Cont.)

Excelsior Scholarship

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Patricia Thompson & Erika Terwilliger

Details: On April 8, Governor Cuomo announced the enactment of the New York State Excelsior Scholarship, a first-of-its-kind in the nation program, which will provide tuition-free college at New York's public colleges and universities to families making up to \$100,000 in the initial year and phased in over three years, capping off at \$125,000 in 2019.

This presentation will focus on all aspects of the Excelsior Scholarship program; from its inception, to where we are with and what we know now about the policy and process of this great opportunity for New York State students attending a public college or university.

Understanding and Supporting Conservative Students on Campus

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Maureen Van Deusen & Ben DeAngelis

Details: At a time when political ideologies are creating a chasm between the left and the right, college campuses are experiencing a great divide between conservative and liberal students. In an environment that is often perceived as being left-leaning, politically and ideologically conservative students are expressing feelings of marginalization that traditional programs and services may not be addressing. This workshop will detail who these students are on our campuses, investigate the factors that make conservative students feel marginalized on campus, and explore techniques for supporting these individuals and their efforts.

2:50 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

SESSION 7

How to Strike GOLD with an Education Plan

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Tim Gray, Julie Moslow, & Ryan Spearer

Details: This session will focus on building, implementing, and assessing an educational plan within a residential setting. This session will be based on the educational plan that University at Buffalo implemented during the 2016-2017 academic year. Participants will leave the session feeling prepared to design an educational plan for their institution. This presentation focuses on a residential setting, but will be applicable to other functional areas.

Student Affairs in the Global Context

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Lei Tong

Details: Nowadays it is not a new concept for universities going global. Universities achieve great turnouts academically, and students enjoy great diversity by going global. However, what it means by going global for student affairs? Especially, how student affairs, especially career services, alumni relations and student support can help and assist students in a global context - is going to be the subject I am willing to share based on NYIT's experience in global and local campuses in China (Beijing and Nanjing), Canada (Vancouver), Middle East (Abu Dhabi) and US (New York). We can demonstrate how we achieve success in assisting students and NYIT as a global institution (especially NYIT's branding, marketing, admission in global markets) with our student affairs team across different countries.

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SESSION 7 (Cont.)

The Leadership Experience

Pre-Orientation

Location: Tioga Room

Presenter(s): Karoline Chrzanowski-Sears, Matt Milless, Adrienne Jensen-Doray, Samantha St. Marie, & Andrew Cassarino

Details: The Leadership Experience pre-orientation program was developed as a way to (a) help Union College first-year students connect with involvement/leadership opportunities faster and help them (b) discover, articulate, and develop their leadership skills in order to be better prepared to take on leadership roles as they progress through their time at Union.

Redefining Disability: How to be a True Advocate

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Andrea Gustafson & Christina Papaleo

Details: As we move into an era of Disability Pride, the population of students we serve who present with a disability will grow. So too will those who choose not to disclose their disability, but still require our support. This session walks us through three areas of disability that challenge our views and change the lens through which we perceive disability: Perception, Attitude, and Language. We will be discussing the historical view of disability in higher education, how word choice affects all of us in different ways, and how we can continue to change the stigma of disability at our institutions and beyond. Discussion will include physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities and their effect on student well-being and success. Group Discussion period to follow.

4:00-5:00 p.m.

CASE STUDY COMPETITION

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Student Pre-Conference Team

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Location: Corning Museum of Glass

6:35 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & AWARDS

Location: Corning Museum of Glass

8:30 p.m.

LATE NIGHT EVENT

Location: Volo Bar and Lounge

Presenter(s): Special Event Team

Details: Drink specials and free food at Volo, less than a minute walk from the Radisson. The bar is open only for CSPA-NYS attendees!



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 17

7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Location: Radisson Hotel Lobby

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

WELLNESS EVENT

Run/Walk

Location: Downtown Corning

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

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Interest Meeting

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Jenn Jerussi & Laura Dulski

9:15 a.m.-10:05 p.m.

SESSION 8

Developing First Year Experience

Learning Community

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Jason Fishner & Casey Smith

Details: After piloting an all freshman floor last year with no intentional programming, SUNY Delhi has embarked on its first FYE Learning Community this year. Come and hear what we have learned in the last year, data on why we moved forward with the community, and the intentional programming that we have planned for the upcoming year.

SESSION 8 (Cont.)

Leading Change: Tools for Managers

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Chris Diggs

Details: We all have opportunities to create change from where we sit, but we cannot be effective without the right approach. Reflect on how to lead change successfully by knowing where to start, whom to engage, and how to move ahead. In addition to sharing practical tools and strategies, the presenter will reflect on a year of change in her department and how progress was possible at every turn. This session will focus on those in supervisory roles or those who impact structure and policy decisions to create change.

Strengths, Passions & Career

Trajectory: How To Land Your Dream Job

Location: Cayuga Room

Presenter(s): Terri Mangione

Details: Student affairs professionals often enter the field with a set of aspirations and expectations that can fade or shift as they progress in their career. In this session, we will examine how to right size your career expectations, leverage professional development opportunities to prepare for future career steps, and use your strengths as a foundation for fueling passion and driving career trajectories.



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Tuesday, Oct. 17

10:10 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

SESSION 9

CPSA-NYS 2020: A Roadmap to Continued Success

Location: Cohocton Room

Presenter(s): Jude Butch

Details: Join members of the CSPA-NYS Executive Board as they unveil the new strategic plan that will guide the Association through 2020. This is a golden opportunity (pun intended) to learn more about CSPA-NYS and how the plan was developed, engage in dialogue about the future of the Association and explore opportunities for involvement within the Association.

A Comedy Medley: Applying Leadership Lessons from Comedy to Your Work and the Students You Work With

Location: Rockwell Room

Presenter(s): Eileen Merberg

Details: Explore the lessons the world of comedy can teach us about being open to ideas, following through on commitments, building relationships, and working effectively with others. These lessons can apply to you in the workplace and can also be used as leadership training for your students.

Understanding Student Veterans

Location: Chemung Room

Presenter(s): Chelsea O'Brien

Details: Student veterans are a hidden population on our campuses and as practitioners we work with them regularly even if we don't know it. This session will build attendee's cultural understanding of what military-connected students may experience during their transition to being a student. It will also explore how we, as practitioners, can better serve them and our colleagues to understand each other.

11:05 A.M.-12:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE PANEL

Location: Seneca & Cayuga Room

Presenter(s): Hanna Brencher, Dr. Dannelle D. Stevens & Wilson Okellos

1:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNY RHLA MEETING

Location: Chemung, Rockwell, Cohocton



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CSPA-NYS 50th Anniversary

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the College Student Personnel Association of New York State. This tremendous milestone has been recognized through a year-long celebration kicking off in Buffalo, NY at the 2016 Annual Conference and culminating in Corning, NY at the 2017 Annual Conference. The year of celebration included a series of special events and initiatives focused on engaging with both current and past members of the association's rich history. To facilitate this planning, the CSPA-NYS board approved the creation of a 50th Anniversary Task Force.

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Golden Anniversary Membership is a special 2017 campaign that celebrates 50 years of CSPA-NYS and directly supports ongoing and new initiatives and programs for CSPA-NYS members, including professional development and research grants and scholarships.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Patrick Love

As a Student Affairs professional, Patrick Love, Ph.D., utilizes the same approach at work as he does in his athletic endeavors. As a lifetime distance runner, he knows that the keys to success are being brilliant with the basics, trying new ways to improve performance, and keeping an eye focused on the finish line.

Love served as Vice President for Student Affairs at NYIT and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Rutgers University. He has held high-level administrative positions at Pace University and Le Moyne College and was a tenured associate professor at Kent State University and New York University. He is co-author of the book, *Rethinking Student Affairs Practice*. His blog is entitled *Patrick Love's Life* and he can be followed on Twitter at @pglove33. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and an M.S./C.A.S. in counseling psychology and student development from SUNY Albany, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Indiana University. He continues to compete in local races and triathlons.



KEYNOTE PANELIST



Hannah Brencher

Hannah Brencher is an author, TED Speaker, and online educator with a heart for building leaders. Her first memoir *If You Find This Letter* came out in 2015 and is available in bookstores across the country. Hannah is the founder and creative director of *More Love Letters*. Since 2011, *More Love Letters* has spread to over 70 countries, all 50 states, and over 100 college campuses. Named as one of the White House's "Women Working to Do Good" and a spokesperson for the United States Postal Service, Hannah and her work have been featured in publications such as CNN World News, the Wall Street Journal, Oprah.com, and Glamour among others. She calls Atlanta, Georgia home.

Dannelle D. Stevens, Professor Emerita from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, received her doctorate in educational psychology from Michigan State University. She is the co-author of three books and numerous articles that are framed around field-tested strategies designed to support academics in their complex roles as scholars, teachers and community members. Her co-authored book, *Journal keeping: How to use reflective writing for learning, teaching, professional insight and positive change* (Stylus, 2009) focuses on how to use reflective writing strategies with our students as well as in our professional life. For five years as the Faculty-in-Residence for Academic Writing at Portland State, she has facilitated the highly successful Jumpstart Faculty Writing Program. She has led workshops and delivered presentations on her research and writing at many US and international universities. She is now working on her fourth book, *Write more, publish more, stress less! Five key principles for creative and scholarly writing* (Stylus Publications, 2018).

Dr. Dannelle D. Stevens



Wilson Okello

Mr. Wilson Okello is a student of poetry, believing in the power of creative expression as a method to generate critical self-reflection, inspire confidence, and achieve agency. Son to the high expectations of an immigrant father and a mother who's love and support are the backbone of his pursuits, he desires to repay their stewardship by assisting others in the transformation of themselves and their communities.



Born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, he attended Youngstown State University where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Education. From there, he accepted a fellowship to attend the University of Rhode Island, where he earned his Masters of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies-College Student Personnel. Currently, Wilson is on a doctoral fellowship at Miami University, where he is an instructor in the departments of Social Justice Studies and Black World Studies. Bridging the scholar-artist divide, his research employs the revolutionary tradition of Black feminist thought to critique and advance development theory and pedagogical praxis. He is the founder of the Truth to Power Project. Featured twice on TEDx, Wilson, a sought-after speaker, is recognized for his expertise in agency and self-determination, providing people with the tools to attain an authority to live life on their own terms.

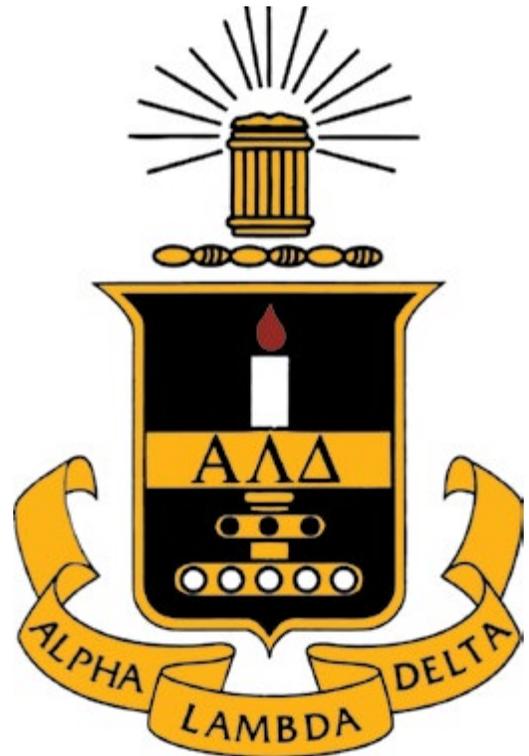
Fundamental to his work is reinforcing the fact that one's story and voice in this world are both legitimate and relevant. His recent accomplishments include the University of Rhode Island recognizing him with the Distinguished Achievement Rising Star Award, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) naming him an Outstanding Professional. His deepest desire is to assist others in locating, cultivating, and living out their dreams.

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