



The 2024 ACHS Annual Conference will begin in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the Cumberland House Hotel at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, and it ends on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 12:30 p.m. Foundations for Honor Society Leaders is a special event this year that will take place before the conference begins and will be ticketed separately from the regular conference. See the events tab on achshonor.org for more information on the Foundations training.

2024 ACHS Annual Conference Schedule

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Thursday, Feb. 1

- 12:00 pm Working Lunch Meeting for ACHS Board of Directors
- 12:00 pm Conference Attendee Check-in (12-3 pm)**
- 3:00 pm Conference Welcome & Mitstifer Keynote Lecture
“When the Leader Needs a Cheerleader: Burnout in Higher Ed and Honor Societies Today”
Dr. Bernie Saverese, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, Research, and Student Success at the University of Tennessee
- 4:30 pm “Going International: A Panel Discussion” moderated by Dr. Jessica Murphy of Jackson State University
Panelists will be the executive directors of Epsilon Pi Tau, Psi Chi, and Tau Beta Pi and Rosann Naidoo, Epsilon Pi Tau’s Pan-African Chapter Leader
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception (with ACHS Exhibitors/Partners)
- 6:30 pm Dinner on Your Own
- 8:30 pm Optional Activities
- Beverages & Board Games (*lobby bar; bring your favorite board or card game*)
 - Special DEIA Discussion led by the ACHS DEIA Committee

Friday, Feb. 2

- 7:30 am Breakfast Greetings & Networking
There will be one specific table discussion on trends in grading systems and more diverse ways of thinking about member eligibility. Otherwise, you’ll be on your own to visit with each other freely.
- 8:15 am Break
- 8:30 am “Crafting & Curating Your Story” with Dr. Katy Luchini Colbry of Michigan State University
Includes hands-on, story-crafting groups (*Bring your best PR materials to assist you.*)
- 9:45 am Break

- 10:00 am Topical Discussion Groups *(45-minute groups followed by a 15-min. share of takeaways)*
- Advisor Challenges (Succession Planning) / Dormant Chapters—Donna Cherry
 - Engagement/Virtual Meetings/Inductions—
 - DEIA Support—DEIA Committee
 - AI in Higher Ed—
 - Public Relations Post-Pandemic—
 - Challenges/Opportunities of Online/Global Colleges—
- 11:00 am Break to visit Partner Central (and drop your stuff off to get ready for transportation to riverboat)
- 11:30 am Departure for Riverboat Lunch Sponsored by Visit Knoxville!
- 2:45 pm “Creating Lifetime Membership Opportunities,” Garrett Mintz of Ambition-In-Motion
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm ACHS Council Business Meeting
- 5:15 pm Partners in Honors (Prize Passport Event)
- 6:00 pm Dinner on Your Own
- 8:00 pm ACHS Glow Up! Party in the Knoxville Sunsphere *(come & go, 8-11 pm)*

Saturday, Feb. 3

- 7:30 am Breakfast in Breakouts *(45 mins; select one)*
- Interdisciplinary (general) honor societies
 - Specialized honor societies with mostly volunteer leadership
 - Specialized honor societies with hired staff
- 8:30 am “Inspired! Best Practices & Programming Leader-Shares” *(followed by breakout groups with presenters)*
- 9:30 am Break
- 9:45 am “Hearing From Our Students: A College Student Panel Q&A” organized by Loria Brown Gordon and moderated by Melissa Martin
- 10:30 am “The Importance of Intellectual Property Protections,” Knoxville Attorney Jonathan Blanchard, Ph.D., Blanchard Horton, PLLC
- 11:30 am ACHS Conference Closing Session ***(The conference is scheduled to conclude by 12:30 p.m.)***

Travel Notes:

1. If flying out on Saturday, try to schedule departures no earlier than 3:00 to make it comfortably to your gate.
2. This year the ACHS Board of Directors will meet mostly after the conference ends (Sat. 2-6 pm). For those running for election to the board, please consider this when making your travel plans.