



Annual Conference
July 19-21, Minneapolis, MN
Agenda

Tuesday, July 19

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bootcamp (separate registration required)

NACRO Corporate Engagement Bootcamp guides attendees through the corporate engagement cycle. At universities, Corporate Relations Officers are housed in different departments, such as Advancement, Office of Research, Economic Development, and Career Centers, to name a few. Corporate Relations represents engagement across campus or offices housed in specific departments, schools, and centers. At some institutions, corporate engagement is just part of an individual's role, along with major gifts, employer engagement, or research partnerships. Regardless of the area you serve on campus or the percentage of your role dedicated to corporate relations, the best practices shared in this session can improve your university's approach to corporate engagement. With speakers on both the philanthropic and research side, this workshop focuses on the NACRO "blueprint" for holistic university corporate relations. The day incorporates two of the best parts of NACRO: peer learning and networking with corporate relations colleagues from other universities. Corporate Relations Officers will share their best practices in areas of corporate outreach, closing the deal, and stewarding corporate partners.

Location: Hiawatha 1, 2

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Executive Education Cohort

Concluding session of Executive Education series.

Location: Hiawatha 3

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting (2021-22 Board)

Location: Soo Line

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. General Registration

Location: Great Northern Prefunction

4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Board Photos (2021-22 Board & 2022-23 Board)

Location: Soo Line

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reception

Location: The Conservatory, Renaissance Hotel

Wednesday, July 20

7:00 a.m. Registration

Location: Great Northern Prefunction

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Location: Conservatory/Great Northern

Please sit at tables assigned to your geographic region and meet your neighbors!

8:00 a.m. Welcome

NACRO 2021-22 Co-Presidents: [Barry Dickerson](#), Managing Director of Corporate Relations, Office of Advancement, Gies College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; [Charley Hasemann](#), Associate VP for Innovation & Economic Development, Michigan State University Innovation Center

8:15 a.m. Keynote

[The Impact of Innovation](#)

Building integrated capabilities to solve problems and challenges through research discovery and innovation across disciplines and inclusive of all types of outcomes is essential to generating societal and economic impact. In this session, panelists will describe the Minnesota Model for organizing university assets to effectively collaborate with public, private, and community partners to create impact to translate research discoveries and create a talent pipeline.

Moderator: [Peter Frosch](#), Chief Executive Officer, GREATER MSP

Panelists: [Steve Corkery](#), Assistant Vice President, Corporate Engagement Center, University of Minnesota; [Rick Huebsch](#), Executive Director, Office for Technology Commercialization, University of Minnesota; [Amy Kircher](#), Associate Vice President, Research, University of Minnesota

9:00 a.m. Networking Break

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Renewed Engagement with a Regional Campus

You've known about main campus partnerships —now find out how to effectively reengage with regional campus partners! Introducing a new way to think about higher education, learning, and technology that prioritizes the benefits of a regional campus and its key partnerships. Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna and Christina Koren will illustrate how the value of reinvigorating a regional campus could be overlooked. The presentation will explain how strategic partnerships are most powerfully leveraged, and, when used effectively, how it can ensure that future investment and meaningful interactions for the campus partners, and their community. The session will encompass tips, advice, and valuable lessons learned when creating OR reengaging with partnerships involving local community, government, and industry. all of this with the goal of making the regional campus vital to the economic and social fabric of its area.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Christina Koren](#), Director of Strategic Partnerships, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; [Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna](#), Vice President for University Advancement, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Session Manager: [John Douglas](#), Assistant Development Director, Corporate and Foundations, Northern Arizona University

Location: *Zephyr*

DEI Across Systems and Institutions - How to Scale Significant Change and Accelerate the Arc Towards Justice

Many corporate partners and many universities are working through DEI initiatives. How do we organize priorities, choose what is scaleable, persuade funders to support scaling up, then track results. In this panel, our focus is on five areas or frameworks:

1. Talent Recruiting and Development
2. Diversity Management and Bias Training
3. Community Impact
4. Scholarships
5. Industry specific DEI research

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Brian Ibsen](#), Senior Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, University at Buffalo; [Anthony Peebles](#), Director of Diversity Advancement, Case Western University; [Keith Robertson](#), Packaging Engineering Manager, Boston Scientific

Session Manager: [Priya Baboo](#), Senior Director of Corporate & Industry Engagement, Penn State College of Engineering

Location: *Hiawatha 1, 2*

The Realities of Working with Faculty in Corporate Engagement

Faculty engagement is an important aspect of university-corporate relationships; however, it can be difficult to involve faculty in the process of creating or maintaining a corporate

partnership. It is important to have realistic expectations of faculty involvement, as their collaboration may be influenced by tenure status, willingness to engage, and their unit's perception of corporate culture. Join Arizona State University and Stanford University as we discuss ways to start an open dialogue within your institution about faculty-corporate engagement, the nuanced motivations of faculty and academic units, and review case studies of faculty buy-in with external partners. Our presentation will offer best practices and ideas for engagement, and promotes the benefits of comprehensive corporate partnerships.

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Elaine Armfield](#), Director, Corporate Engagement, Knowledge Enterprise, Arizona State University; [Joseph Huang](#), PhD, Executive Director of Strategic Research Initiatives, Computer Science, Stanford University

Session Manager: [Joseph Huang](#), PhD, Executive Director of Strategic Research Initiatives, Computer Science, Stanford University

Location: *Southern Pacific*

10:15 a.m. Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Better Together: Corporate Relations and Research Development

The Alliance between NACRO and NORDP (National Organization of Research Development Professionals) is one of the most vibrant partnerships for both organizations. The importance of nurturing research collaborations with companies is becoming increasingly important for Corporate Relations in higher education. During this session, a panel of corporate relations officers and research developers will share their experiences on how corporate relations (CR) and research development (RD) partnerships have enhanced the research collaborations between their institutions and companies. There will be ample time for discussion and Q&A with the audience. Some discussion areas include:

- Bridging the gap between research developers and corporate relations officers from an individual and operational perspective.
- The potential impact of CR-RD partnerships from the perspective of academia, industry, federal agencies, local regions, etc.
- NACRO's and NORDP's role in influencing the CR–RD partnerships and their impact

Audience: Early Career/All

Panelists: [Sacha Patera](#), Corporate Engagement & Foundation Relations, Office of Dean of Research, Princeton University; [Owen Doyle](#), Director of Industry and Innovation, Center for Power Optimization of Electro-Thermal Systems (NSF ERC), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; [Rachel Dresbeck](#), PhD, Senior Director Research Development, Oregon Health and Science University; [Susan Puryear](#), JD, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Administration,

Development, & Support Services, UMass Lowell; [Don Takehara](#), PhD, Director for Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Grainger Engineering (moderator)

Session Manager: [JoonHyung Cho](#), Director of Corporate Relations & Business Development, The University of Virginia

Welcoming Companies to America's Largest University

When welcoming corporate visitors, how do you craft an effective in-person or virtual visit that showcases the resources and talents of your organization? Whether you are a seasoned corporate engagement officer or new to the field, join Arizona State University as we discuss the creation of a corporate visit. Participants will learn how to assess which university assets are the most appropriate for a visitor, hear about good and bad experiences with visits, and discover best practices they can apply to their organization.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Sarah Allin](#), Business Development Specialist, Arizona State University; [Lauren Balconi](#), Executive Administrative Support Specialist, Arizona State University

Session Manager: [Dana Ulrich](#), Director, Corporate Engagement, Washington State University

Location: *Hiawatha 1, 2*

Unique Partnerships at Small Universities

Smaller universities can leverage their flexibility and niche programs to establish unique partnerships with industry. Offering unique and meaningful engagement opportunities for industry creates mutually beneficial partnerships and innovative learning opportunities for students. Three partnerships will be featured, demonstrating how small universities can position themselves to enhance student experience on campus, while also meet the goals of industry partners.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Travis Erickson](#), Senior Principal Packaging Engineer, Technical Fellow, Medtronic; [Patricia Meuers](#), Vice President, FindLaw Digital Solutions, Thomson Reuters; [Sarah Murawski](#), Graphic Design Manager, Great Northern Corporation; [Bryan Barts](#), Director of Career Services, University of Wisconsin-Stout (moderator)

Session Manager: [Michelle Dingwall](#), Senior Development Officer, Corporate Relations, University of Wisconsin-Stout

Location: *Zephyr*

Collaborating with Industry and Local Government to Create a Win/Win/Win Partnership

Over 12 months during the height of the COVID pandemic, Texas State University, SPIN Scooters (a division of Ford Mobility) and the City of San Marcos, Texas collaborated to create a win/win/win partnership to provide enhanced mobility options for Texas State's 38,000 students and San Marcos' 68,000 residents, an attractive business for SPIN and financial support for Texas State and San Marcos programs. The session will discuss how the partners defined a common vision of success, the process followed to define and achieve "stage gate" goals, and the creation of value for all partners.

Audience: Advanced

Presenters: Pete Binion, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of San Marcos, Texas; [Ron Epperson](#), Executive Director Industry Strategic Partnerships, Texas State University; [John Lankford](#), Director of Campus Programs, SPIN Scooters

Session Manager: [Aaron Moszer](#), Director of Corporate and Foundtion Relations at University of Delaware

Location: *Southern Pacific*

11:30 a.m. Networking Break

11:45 a.m. Lunch & Keynote

Strive to Thrive, Not Just Survive

In order to thrive, wellbeing involves a comprehensive approach to all aspects of one's life: emotional, physical, social, financial, and workplace. Over the last few years, every aspect of our lives has changed, expectations have increased, and resources have decreased, contributing to feelings of uncertainty, stress, and added pressures for perfection. The "new normal" has been anything but normal, and many find themselves mentally and physically exhausted, and approaching burn out. While it is important to acknowledge feeling unsettled, these experiences can be transformed into motivation and foster resilience. Dr. Milanak will provide strategies to take back control over your worries and emotions, reinvigorate your passion for work, and maximize performance. She will also provide additional tips on how to achieve true work-life balance, reconnect with friends and family, and be able to relax at the end of each day to achieve sweet dreams during times of unrest, and not just survive.

Presenter: [Dr. Melissa Milanak](#), Mind Impact Consulting

Location: *Great Northern Ballroom*

1:15 p.m. Networking Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

“For our Neighbor’s Good:” Connecting with Industry Partners to Impact Community

Through this panel presentation, you will hear from current Bethel University President Ross Allen. Ross spent most of his career at Medtronic and will share his ideas on corporation connection through this unique lens. We also welcome a current Medtronic research partner, Ken Rohly, PhD, who will speak into the unique value small schools can bring to research partnerships. Industry partner, Dan Lindh, President and CEO of Presbyterian Homes has shaped Bethel's curriculum and academic offerings through his participation in a CEO network that was a key resource resulting in academic innovations. This includes the development of the Healthcare endorsement. The moderator for this group will be Robin Rylaarsdam, Provost at Bethel University and a molecular biologist by training. Together with Paul Rothweiler of the

Earl E. Bakken Medical Devices Center at the University of Minnesota, they will share about the recent connection with the University of Minnesota's Bakken Institute, and the value of collaboration with other universities.

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Ross Allen](#), President, Bethel University; [Dan Lindh](#), President & CEO of Presbyterian Homes; [Ken Rohly](#), Senior Principal Materials Engineer, Medtronic; [Paul Rothweiler](#), Academy Director at Earl E. Bakken Medical Devices Center, University of Minnesota; [Robin Rylaarsdam](#), Provost, Bethel University (moderator)

Session Manager: [Pam Buchanan](#), Senior Corporate & Foundation Relations Officer, Bethel University

Location: *Southern Pacific*

Engaging Industry from Rural Campuses & Outside of Major Economic Clusters

While building strategic relations is never straightforward, doing so from universities located outside of economic centers and in rural settings requires additional creativity to develop industry partnerships. This session will look at how the University of Mississippi and Washington State University manage corporate engagement and industry relations from their rural locations, from working with local manufacturing sites to developing key connections at corporate offices to support mutually-beneficial partnerships. This session will focus on how to work at various layers of company, manage cross-campus relationships, and lead effective visits by using several case-studies of industry partnerships at each school.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Hughes Miller](#), Director of Industry Engagement, University of Mississippi; [Dana Ulrich](#), Director of Corporate Engagement, Washington State University

Session Manager: [Charlie Lemcke](#), Associate Director of Corporate Engagement, University of California-Davis

Location: *Zephyr*

Utilizing Technology to Drive Business Development in Corporate Relations

University corporate relations offices are evolving to keep up with industry partner needs and are better utilizing technology to help. In this session, you will learn what the future could look like at your university related to data driven and marketing focused roadmaps for success. The session will also have examples of intuitive content on resources and strategies a corporate relations officer can use for philanthropic pursuits. Join us in this interactive session, with time built in for audience Q&A, to learn about technology for data management and marketing tools for success.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Stacey Barnes](#), Director of Intelligence & Assessment, Iowa State University Foundation; [Rashmi Tenneti](#), Associate Director, Marketing & Communications, Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; [Sacha Patera](#), Corporate Engagement & Foundation Relations, Office of Dean of Research, Princeton University; [Jason King](#), Senior Associate Director of Corporate Relations, University of California, Irvine (moderator)

Session Manager: [Megan Puzey](#), Director of Operations at Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois

Location: *Hiawatha 3*

Industry Perspective - University Relations Programs

This session features three industry representatives who are managing or building their company University Relations Program. Both companies and universities attempt to break down silos for engagement, especially related to recruiting, philanthropy and research. While university best practice is a holistic approach to corporate relations, companies are in varying stages of managing university relations in a comprehensive manner. This session will share the company perspective on university relations including key determinants for selecting universities, goals for engagement, partnership levels, and insight into the company decision making process.

Audience: All

Speakers: [Leah Broderick-Niedermann](#), University Relations Campus Regional Lead Southeast, Talent Acquisition, Honeywell; [Pete Stoddart](#), North American Director, Corporate Responsibility, Cargill; [Jessica Shepard Watts](#), PhD, Director of University Relations, Axxess; [Eric Dean](#), Business Development, Research & Universities, Rohde & Schwarz USA, Inc. (moderator)

Session Manager: [Amanda Neuendorf](#), Senior Director of Development- Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Location: *Hiawatha 1, 2*

2:30 p.m. Networking Break

2:45 – 4:15 “Deep Dive” Workshops

This new format will feature presentations from a team of corporate relations professionals, followed by in-depth discussions with attendees to answer questions and consider next steps at their own organizations.

Holistic Corporate Relations Office Structures

There are many obstacles to overcome when establishing centralized corporate relations at a university. Convincing administration, faculty members and multiple units on campus to change the way they work can be a daunting task. To complicate things further, there are dozens of different models of holistic corporate relations to choose from! Corporate relations professionals from four universities will share their experiences, both best practices and lessons learned.

Audience: Early/Mid

Presenters: [JoonHyung Cho](#), Director of Corporate Relations and Business Development, University of Virginia; [Tim Hausman](#), Senior Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Texas at El Paso; [Emily Kelton](#), Assistant Vice President, Corporate & Foundation Relations and Office of Industry Relations, Colorado School of Mines; [David Ortendahl](#),

Executive Director, Corporate Relations, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; [Michelle Dingwall](#), Senior Development Officer, Corporate Relations, University of Wisconsin-Stout (moderator)

Location: *Southern Pacific*

Become a Change Ally

This interactive workshop will provide attendees with the basics of the change management by focusing on addressing individual needs to ensure successful organizational change. The goal of the session is breaking down these models through experiences and examples provided by attendees, prior to the session via Attendify. Change management methodology can be applied by participants with varying levels of experience and prepares individuals to lead up, down and horizontally by giving them tools to meet their colleagues where they are.

Audience: All

Presenters: [Jill Abele](#), Senior Director of Corporate Engagement and Foundation Relations, Iowa State University Foundation; [Liz McAllister](#), Director of Strategic Change Leadership, Iowa State University Foundation

Location: *Zephyr*

“The Job is Easy, the People Are Not” – 10 Smart Skills to Become Better People

In Prof. Loredana Padurean’s new book, she and her ASB/MIT Sloan co-authors bring yet another fresh perspective on rethinking the skills we need to thrive in today’s unpredictable landscape and beyond. In a world where leaders are expected to be polymaths and Renaissance people, dividing people into ‘generalists’ or ‘specialists’ is not enough – leaders need to be technically, mentally, and emotionally competent.

Audience: All

Presenter: [Professor Loredana Padurean](#), Senior Associate Dean, Asia School of Business in collaboration with MIT Sloan School of Management.

Facilitators: [Alexa Hansen](#), Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships, Carnegie Mellon University, TBD

Location: *Hiawatha 1,2*

4:30 p.m. End

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Reception

**[Minneapolis Event Center](#),
212 2nd St. SE**

Thursday, July 21

7:00 a.m. Registration

Location: Great Northern Prefunction

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 2022-2023 NACRO Board Meeting

Location: Hiawatha 3

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Location: Conservatory/Great Northern Ballroom

8:00 a.m. NACRO Business Meeting & Strategic Plan Presentation

NACRO Co-Presidents: [Barry Dickerson](#), Managing Director of Corporate Relations, Office of Advancement, Gies College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; [Charley Hasemann](#), Associate VP for Innovation & Economic Development, Michigan State University Innovation Center

Strategic Planning Chair: [David Ortendahl](#), Executive Director, Corporate Relations, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Strategic Planning Vice Chair: [Joseph Huang](#), Executive Director, Stanford University

Location: Great Northern Ballroom

8:45 a.m. Networking Break

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Best Practices and Efficient Strategies for Capstone Programs

Capstone programs are a key component of university-industry partnerships in student engagement. While some universities organize these centrally within a college or unit, others are decentralized and less strategic. This session will outline some best practices and efficient strategies for creating, maintaining, marketing, and being more strategic with capstone programs to best satisfy both industry needs in solving real-world problems as well as providing effective experiential learning opportunities for students.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [JoonHyung Cho](#), Director of Corporate Relations & Business Development, The University of Virginia; [Jason King](#), Senior Associate Director of Corporate Relations, University of California, Irvine; [Megan Puzey](#), Director of Operations at Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (moderator)

Session Manager: [Megan Puzey](#), Director of Operations at Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Location: Zephyr

Navigating Corporate Decision-Makers and Adapting Your Professional Persona Accordingly

To close a corporate gift, a gift officer must be able to work at multiple levels within the prospect company. The ways of accessing, educating, engaging, and persuading employees in headquarters and executive offices are different from how best to interact with HR, tech transfer, product, program, or alumni in functional roles, yet sometimes it takes alignment and agreement of one and all to close a gift. Panel members from corporate partners at different levels and with different roles within their companies respond to questions about what they like and expect from corporate relations officers.

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Brian Ibsen](#), Senior Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, University at Buffalo; [Amy Klinke](#), Associate Vice President for Business Engagement & Strategy, Carnegie Mellon University; [Brett Schreiner](#), Interim Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, College of Science & Engineering, University of Minnesota; [Lauren Schroeder](#), Early Career Program Leader at nVent

Session Manager: [Priya Baboo](#), Senior Director of Corporate & Industry Engagement, Penn State College of Engineering

Location: Hiawatha 1, 2

Innovation Across the Spectrum: Perspectives on Industry-Academia Research Collaborations

Industry-academia collaborations are increasingly a source of scientific innovation, but navigating these partnerships requires great mutual understanding. In this session, Halo CEO Kevin Leland will present a case study of a research partnership between Oldcastle Infrastructure and the University of Minnesota focused on removing nitrogen from urban stormwater runoff. Learn more about the collaboration [here](#).

The session will wrap up a Q&A session for both corporate relations and industry professionals alike to help bridge the gap by providing perspective from both sides of the conversation.

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Kevin Leland](#), CEO/Founder, Halo; [Paige Novak](#), Professor & Joseph T. and Rose S. Ling Chair in Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota; [Mark Sweeney](#), Product Manager, Oldcastle Infrastructure

Session Manager: [Kimberly Jacobs](#), Director of Engineering Extension & Outreach, University of Florida

Location: Southern Pacific

10:00 a.m. Networking Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Leveraging Your Internal University Network to Drive Effective Corporate Engagement

In this session, we will provide a cross-section of methods and interactions that have created successful engagements with companies from many sectors leveraging all that an institution of higher education has to offer by using specific examples and testimonials.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Katheryne Rehberg](#), Director, Business Development, Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; [Brandy Zamora](#), Executive Director, Office of Business Partnerships, Indiana University; [Brendan McGinty](#), Director of Industry, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (moderator)

Session Manager: [Adam Bear](#), Stewardship Coordinator, Office of Corporate Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Location: *Hiawatha 1, 2*

Full Circle Engagement with Influential Industry Alumna

Women are changing the face of philanthropy. At Bethel University, we've leaned into this core demographic by engaging alumnae full circle as philanthropic donors, career mentors and network expanders through an innovative women in leadership program, "The 25". From the premise "You can't be what you can't see," The 25 exposes students to speakers, mentors, resources, and experiences that highlight highly successful women across industries. This unique inter-generational combination empowers female students and establishes powerful connections among successful women while deepening constituent engagement with Bethel. Join us for this session to hear from a group of alumnae who are funding the program because of their desire to help young women better position themselves for success.

Audience: Advanced

Presenters: [Becca Hoeft](#), Chief Brand Officer, Sunrise Banks; [Jeanne Osgood](#), Chief of Staff, Bethel University; [Kristi Piehl](#), Founder & CEO, Media Minefield; [Andrea Schilling](#), Senior Managing Director, Varde Partners; [Heather Richards](#), Executive Director of "The 25", Bethel University

Session Manager: [Pam Buchanan](#), Senior Corporate & Foundation Relations Officer, Bethel University

Location: *Zephyr*

Enhancing Corporate-University Relations Through Place-Based Partnerships

Corporate-university relations are enhanced through place-based partnerships facilitated by university research parks, innovation districts and regional technology hubs. Learn strategies and best practices to create opportunities for large and small corporations to locate near campus to create broader corporate partnerships, enhance philanthropic donations, and create communities of innovation around university anchor institutions. Information will include: best practices for building long term, place-based university-industry partnerships, role of involving students in enhancing corporate partnerships, strategies for finding university champions for corporate partnerships in the faculty and administration, developing and financing facilities for university/industry incubators, accelerators and research parks.

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Kevin Byrne](#), President & CEO at The University Financing Foundation; [Brian Darmody](#), Chief Strategy Officer, Association of University Research Parks, TBD

Session Manager: [JoonHyung Cho](#), Director of Corporate Relations and Business Development, University of Virginia

Location: *Southern Pacific*

11:15 a.m. Networking Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Awards, & Keynote

Leadership in DEI

Increasingly, competencies in relating to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging are required to be a successful working adult. Each person has their own journey to this place. In this interactive session, Monic Behnken will share her perspectives on leading – sometimes without adequate institutional power – efforts to foster equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging from the role they play at their institutions. She will ask attendees to consider how they can define allyship and discuss ways to learn about themselves by looking inward, asking challenging questions, checking their blind spots, and assessing how they operate in their own space.

Presenter: Monic Behnken J.D., Ph.D., Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Iowa State University

Location: *Great Northern Ballroom*

1:00 p.m. Networking Break

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Executive Engagement in Corporate & Foundation Relations

Corporate & Foundation Relations (CFR) Officers serve as a master coordinator and translator, finding areas of alignment between company/foundation priorities and university areas of excellence. University Presidents, VP's and Deans play an integral role in CFR work. Geared towards new professionals, this session provides best practices and strategies for engaging university executives with companies and foundations. Topics will include: how and when to engage university leadership in CFR, managing prospects for leadership, and reflection on successes and challenges

Audience: Mid-Career

Presenters: [Shawn Farrell](#), Assistant Vice President of Corporate and Foundation Engagement, University of Texas at San Antonio; [Anissa Mahone](#), Director of Corporate Engagement, University of Texas at San Antonio

Session Manager: [Wendy Schlesinger](#), Executive Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, St. Louis University

Location: *Southern Pacific*

How to Acquire Funding for DEI-Focused University Programs & Initiatives

The objective of this panel discussion is to offer an opportunity for industry and academic professionals to both learn and discuss how they secured financial funding from external organizations for their educational institutions. More specifically, the dialogue will feature the process behind pitching diversity-focused programs and initiatives to external organizations. In addition, the panel will discuss tips and tricks regarding how academic professionals can best prepare their pitches for external organizations. This case study will feature 1-2 organizations to provide an in-depth analysis regarding how to acquire funding.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Emily Kelton](#), Assistant Vice President, Corporate & Foundation Relations and Office of Industry Relations Colorado School of Mines; [Anthony Peebles](#), Director of Diversity Advancement, Case Western University; Breana Spencer, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Stanford University

Session Manager: [Thomas Manshack](#), Associate Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, North Carolina State University

Location: *Hiawatha 1, 2*

University Research 201

As a follow up to the December 2021 NACRO webinar, University Research 101: Understanding how research plays a role at your institution and perfecting your elevator pitch to get industry in the door, this panel of university research leaders will give insight into their relationships with industry and corporate relations. Topics will include the responsibilities of the panelists; how they connect with industry in sponsored and applied research and tech transfer. The panel will also share best practices for corporate relations officers when working with research faculty and leadership.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Charley Hasemann](#), Associate VP for Innovation & Economic Development, Michigan State University Innovation Center; [Jim Reecy](#), Associate VP of Research, Iowa State University; [John Garnetti](#), Managing Director, UW-Madison Office of Business Engagement; [Clay Christian](#), Director of Business Development; Interim Director, Commercialization Intelligence and Assessment, Tulane University (moderator)

Session Manager: [Mark Boeck](#), Senior Executive Director, Corporate Engagement & Foundation Relations, Iowa State University

Location: *Zephyr*

2:15 p.m. Networking Break

2:30 p.m. Affinity Groups

Facilitated discussions among small groups of peers, divided by types of roles:
Career Services

Development/Advancement (Enrollment >30,000): ***Southern Pacific***
Development/Advancement (Enrollment <30,000): ***Hiawatha 3***
General Corporate Engagement (Enrollment >30,000): ***Hiawatha 1 & Hiawatha 2***
General Corporate Engagement (Enrollment <30,000): ***Zephyr***
Research: ***Great Northern***
Academic (including capstones): ***Great Northern***

3:30 p.m. Networking Break

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Using Trello as a Customer Relations Management Tool versus Salesforce

In Salesforce too expensive, too difficult, or too rigid for your team's needs? Trello, combined with add-ons like Google Drive, may be a solution for a small team. We will demonstrate how we are using Trello to do business development of west coast universities, in preparation for NACRO's 2023 Conference in Portland, OR.

Audience: Early Career/All

Presenters: [Joseph Huang](#), Executive Director, Stanford University; [Lauren Bradley](#), Associate Director of Corporate Engagement, The Jackson Laboratory; [Jason King](#), Senior Associate Director of Corporate Relations, University of California, Irvine;

Session Manager: [Joseph Huang](#), Executive Director, Stanford University

Location: ***Zephyr***

Industry-Sponsored PhD Experiential Learning

Many companies sponsor PhD students during summer breaks. While useful, there are substantial benefits to industry-sponsored experiential learning internships that last several months for the company, the PhD candidates, and their faculty advisors. This panel discussion with representatives from Siemens Technology, BASF, and Rutgers University will cover the potential in longer experiential learning as well as common challenges and how to cope with them.

Audience: Early/All

Presenters: [Arturo Pizano](#), Siemens Technology; [Wolfgang Ruettinger](#), Senior Research Manager, BASF; [Dave Magnoni](#), Director, Corporate Engagement, Rutgers University (moderator)

Session Manager: [Priya Baboo](#), Senior Director of Corporate & Industry Engagement, Penn State College of Engineering

Location: ***Southern Pacific***

4:45 Closing

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Location: Great Northern Ballroom