Event Agenda

2025 CUMU Annual Conference: The Power of Place

Sunday, October 26, 2025

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**Sunday Registration**
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	**Pre-conference Meetings of the Anchor Learning Network & Huddles** Location: Harbor D Speakers: Caroline Burkholder, Jeremy Price, Stephen Davenport, Justin Roberts, Ruth Yow
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Welcome Meet & Greet** Location: arapoes, Baltimore Marriott Watefront, 1st floor

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	**Registration**
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Pre-Conference Workshop: Building your Regional Anchor Collaborative** Location: Kent A/B Speaker: Stefani Weeden-Smith
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Pre-Conference Workshop: A Community-Centric Roadmap to Higher Education's Future** Location: Harbor D Speaker: Byron White
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Pre-Conference Workshop: The JEDI-CCE Rubric for University-Community Transformation** Location: Laurel C/D Speaker: Tracy Rone
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Pre-Conference Workshop: Low-Risk, High-Yield Approaches to Data Collection for Community Engaged Professionals** Location: Harbor E Speakers: Laura Todd, Anne Weiss
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	**Strategic Planning Meeting (CUMU board members)** Location: Laurel A/B
11:30 AM - 1:15 PM	**Lunch + Plenary** Location: Harbor A/B/C
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**More than a Ranking: Advancing Social Mobility at Rutgers-Camden** Location: Laurel C/D Speakers: Marsha Lowery, Antonio Tillis
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Community Engagement and Social Drivers: Reflection and Action** Location: Galena Speaker: Melissa Yack Hall
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Supporting Students Without a Playbook: Practical Approaches in Uncertain Times** Location: Kent A Speaker: Wil Del Pilar
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Capturing a Moment: Anchor Institutions Driving Regional Economic Development** Location: Kent B Speakers: Christopher Harris, Vanessa Herman

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Building Youth Pathways Through Community Partnerships: UNT Dallas Rising Blazers Program
Location: Kent C
Speaker: Constance Lacy, Ph.D.

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

The Infinity Lab: Building Industry Partnerships
Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Ishaan Chetty, Scott Gross, Betsy Read, Vanessa Smalls

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

How to Engage in Equitable Research Partnerships with Communities: Principles & Framework
Location: Harbor E
Speakers: Nicole Kennard, Anna Tinoco-Santiago, Cecelia Borgman, Ruth Yow

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

The Scholar-Administrator Inquiry Approach: Developing Lines of Inquiry from your Context, Experience and Practice
Location: Heron
Speaker: Patrick Green

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Higher Ed Voices: Disruptions, Expectations & the Urgency to Adapt
Location: Essex A/B
Speaker: Kim Russell

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CUMU Board of Director's Meeting (CUMU board members)
Location: Laurel A/B

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Can Employees Afford to Live Locally and Can Universities Help
Location: Laurel C/D
Speaker: Shea O'Neill

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

The Excellence in Entrepreneurial Learning (EXCEL): Equipping Baltimore Youth and Emerging Adults
Location: Galena
Speaker: Ronald Williams

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Play, Participate, Propel: The Civic Engagement Game Plan
Location: Kent A
Speakers: Meredith Hein, Victoria Teske

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Developing your On-ramp for Grassroots Partnerships: A Community First Approach
Location: Kent B
Speakers: Mariah Casias, Stephen Danley, Skye Horbrook, Nelson Zhong

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Serving Your Rural Region: From the Ivory Tower to Main Street
Location: Kent C
Speakers: Kyla Cox Deckard, Nicole Vasconi

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Universities as Catalysts: Advancing Sustainability and Regional Transformation
Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Caroline Burkholder, Ruth Yow

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

How Student Success is Highlighted in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications
Location: Harbor E
Speakers: Mushtaq Gunja, Sara Gast

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Strategic Transfer Pathways: Building Seamless Educational Journeys from 2-Year to 4-Year Institutions
Location: Heron
Speakers: Sandra Richtermeyer, Michelle Williams

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Connecting for Success: New Opportunities for Economic Mobility in the Places you Anchor
Location: Laurel C/D
Speaker: Carol Coletta

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Finding Opportunity in Crisis: Notes from the Field
Location: Galena
Speaker: Mary Rocco

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Forum: AI (click here or see below to view titles)** Location: Harbor D Speakers: Jess Mann, Kent Seaver, Urmi Ashar
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Leveraging the Carnegie Self-study for (Re)building Community Engagement Infrastructure** Location: Harbor E Speakers: Christin Seher, Megan Delong-Borick
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Cultivating Authentic Hope: Equipping Students for Civic Action in Complex Times** Location: Heron Speakers: Steve Grande, Wendy Wagner
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Reimagining Baltimore's Inner Harbor 2.0** Location: Kent A Speakers: Sally Scott, Joby Taylor, Terrell Brown
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Translational Research in K-12 Schools: Postdoctoral Fellows in Bridging Research and Practice** Location: Kent B Speakers: Natalie Bolton, Pallavi Aggarwal
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Models & Common Threads of Supporting Faculty Community Engagement Work** Location: Kent C Speakers: Kathleen Crostic, Henry Cunningham, Becca Berkey
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Family Innovations Focusing on Student Well-being and Opportunity to Improve Student Success** Location: Essex A/B Speakers: Juan Salinas, Guy Bailey, Griselda Salinas, Dr. Magdalena Hinojosa
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	**Sustaining Innovation and Leadership in Community Engagement: Pathways, Challenges, and the Future of Senior Engagement Leaders in Urban-Serving Institutions** Location: Essex C Speaker: Nyeema Watson
4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	**Poster Session and Reception (view all poster titles below)** Speakers: Frederic BRUNEL, Markya Reed, Merritt McCully, Emma Johns, Brian Kaufman, Amanda Karls, Iris DiMaio, Bryan Murdock, Shelby Pumphrey, Kelly Doran, Amylee Anyoha, Arielle Mizrahi, Thomas Jennings, Kristi King, Tyler Derreth, Mindi Levin, Natalie Bolton, Lamar Davis, Robert Gilbert, Chris Moore, Jermecia Jackson, Qi Shi, Kendra Jason, Eboné Lockett, Byron Gray, Amy Gaukel, Sam Justice, Sugeilee Martinez Mercedes, Alan Richmond, M. Meghan Raisch, Kari Kowalski, Pallavi Aggarwal, Katherine Jo Idziorek, Tracie Reding, Lindsay Chudzik
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Presidents' Dinner (Invite Only)** Location: First-Floor Hotel Entrance

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	**Registration**
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	**Breakfast** Location: Harbor A/B/C
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**Community Experience - Battling Health Disparities in Baltimore** Location: Harbor A/B/C
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**Community Experience - Building Equitable Ecosystems: Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship** Location: Harbor A/B/C
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**Community Experience - Developing Professionals through Engaged Learning with Impact** Location: Harbor A/B/C
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**Community Experience - Do You Know Your Neighbors?** Location: Harbor A/B/C

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**Community Experience - Baltimore, a Place of Power: A City of Innovation and Beautiful Resistance** Location: Harbor A/B/C
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Presidents' Council Meeting (Invite Only)** Location: Laurel A/B/C/D
11:30 AM - 1:15 PM	**Lunch + Plenary** Location: Harbor A/B/C
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Buy Local, Build Wealth: A Call to Action for Anchor Institutions** Location: Laurel A/B Speakers: Melissa Richmond, Matthew Cunningham, David Zuckerman, Daniel Houston
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Building Bridges with Badges: Enhancing Hispanic Chamber Programs Through Micro-credentials** Location: Laurel C/D Speakers: Alyssa Provencio, Todd Lamb, Charlotte Simmons, Trevor Cox, Cami Cooper, David Castillo
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Leveraging Commute Surveys to Inform Campus Mobility: Vanderbilt's MoveVU Experience** Location: Galena Speakers: Ryan Corser, Lindsey Ganson
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Growing Teachers: Partnering with Schools to Engage Urban Youth in Agriculture’s Benefits** Location: Kent A Speaker: Timothy McDermott
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Co-housing Solutions for Community Seniors and Anchor Institution Students** Location: Kent B Speakers: Tiffani Hurst, Rebecca Rose Metzger, Kenniah Rose Samuel-Evans, Tamara Hawkins
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**UDC: The District’s Engine for Workforce and Economic Mobility.** Location: Kent C Speaker: LeKisha Jordan
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Reframing the Concept of "Safety": Asset-Based Community Engagement for Incoming Students** Location: Harbor D Speakers: Markya Reed, Joe DiSalvo, Alessandra Lucero
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**How Do Anchor Institutions Sustain Community-Engaged Projects in Challenging Times?** Location: Harbor E Speakers: David Birdsell, Michael Palladino, Sandra Richtermeyer, Melanie Perreault, Renée White
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	**Trauma-Informed Higher Education: Navigating Policy, Well-Being, and Student Success** Location: Heron Speakers: Megan Holmes, Dr. Dakota King-White
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	**Place-Based Collaboratives: A Co-leading Approach to Collective Impact** Location: Galena Speakers: Alexis Bucknam, Julie Johnson
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	**FIU in DC: Experiential Learning & Career Pathways for Future Leaders** Location: Laurel C/D Speakers: Michelle Castro, Anthony Rionda
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	**Storytelling through Archives** Location: Kent A Speaker: Daisy Mitchell
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	**Scaling CBE at UNO: Aligning Innovation with a Metropolitan Mission** Location: Kent B Speakers: Stephanie Larsen, Julie Dierberger

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Service Learning = Community Service+Student Learning: DePaul's Student Urban Research Corps

Location: Kent C
Speakers: Euan Hague, Nandhini Gulasingam

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Leveraging the Superpowers of Higher Education Institutions to Develop Affordable Housing

Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Andrew Flagel, Phillip Kash

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Forum: Teacher Education (click here or see below to view titles)

Location: Harbor E
Speakers: Angela Griner, Debra Wellman, Laura Rothstein

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Engaging Educators: Building a Space for Faculty Community Engagement

Location: Heron
Speakers: Beth Merenstein, Diana Velasco

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Georgetown in Partnership: Building a Downtown Campus for Regional Impact

Location: Laurel A/B
Speaker: Cory Peterson

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Empowering Place: The Role of Women's Leadership in Driving Regional Development through the Leeds, UK, #WECAN Project

Location: Laurel C/D
Speakers: Peter Slee, George Lodorfos

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Building Bridges, Not Silos: Strengthening Reentry Pathways through Collaborative Networks in Higher Education

Location: Galena
Speaker: Austin Galy

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Provosts' Meeting (Invite Only)

Location: Kent A
Speaker: Melanie Perreault

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Optimizing Social and Economic Mobility for First-Generation Students

Location: Kent B
Speakers: Loren Blanchard, Liza Alonzo

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Reimagining Academic-Community Partnerships: Research on Activist in Residence Programs

Location: Kent C
Speakers: Wendy Wagner, Derek Miller, Queen Zakia Shabazz

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Strategies for Moving Toward Transformative Community Engagement and Away from Extractive Approaches

Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Nancy McHugh, Ashley Wright, Samantha Kennedy, Sharon Hawkins

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Forum: Nursing Education (click here or see below to view titles)

Location: Harbor E
Speakers: Patricia Tooker, Lorrie DeSena, Cynethia Bethel-Hines

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

We Are All Schrödinger's Cat Now: Navigating Community Engagement in Uncertain Times

Location: Heron
Speaker: Jeremy Price

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Signature Reception

Location: Ballroom foyer

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Registration

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast
Location: Harbor A/B/C

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Strategic Plan Implementation: Overcoming Systemic Challenges
Location: Laurel A/B
Speaker: Susan Elrod

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Forum: Faculty Capacity (click here or see below to view titles)
Location: Laurel C/D
Speakers: David Birdsell, Laura Baecher, Daron Barnard, Linda Larrivee, Eihab Jaber, Henry Theriault

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

The Power of Storytelling: Reframing Impact in Community-Academic Partnerships
Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Mindi Levin, Tyler Derreth, Jayson Green

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

HomeGrown StL Research-Practice Partnership to Advance Young Black Men's Economic Mobility
Location: Kent B
Speakers: Christopher LaGrone, Oge A. Oge, Sean Joe

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Your Health, Our Responsibility: Collaborative University-Assisted Approaches to School-Based Health and Wellness
Location: Kent C
Speakers: Gretchen Suess, Paulette Branson, Paige Lombard

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Shifting Landscapes: The Evolution of Higher Education Community Engagement
Location: Kent A
Speaker: Jennifer Boehm

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Transformative Learning Through Wraparound Services and a Sense of Place: Unlocking Social-Economic-Mobility
Location: Harbor E
Speakers: Iris DiMaio, Aracelis Ruiz, Alice Wright, Jennifer Johnson, Christine Lemesianou

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

We Got it Wrong. Now You Don't Have To!
Location: Laurel A/B
Speaker: Bill Joyner

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Forum: Gambling (click here or see below to view titles)
Location: Laurel C/D
Speakers: Zachary Hitchens, Mary Jo Marion, Andrew Piazza

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Learning for All: The Impact of an Engaged Department
Location: Kent A
Speakers: Erin Wentzell, Karen Goodman, Rebecca Pinkus

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

The Lean Advantage - Maximising Access to Justice through university law clinics
Location: Kent B
Speakers: Deveral Capps, Rachel Dunn, Peter Slee, Jo Wardle

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

How to Work with Journalists to Improve Information for Your Community
Location: Kent C
Speaker: Colleen Murphy

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

STEP: Skilled Trades Education Pathway
Location: Harbor D
Speakers: Michelle Joyce, Jack Corlis

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Roundtables (view all roundtable titles below)

Location: Harbor A/B/C
Speakers: Laura Eppinger, Becca Berkey, Dr. Dakota King-White, Megan Holmes, Toni St. John, Camille Sherrod, Roseanne Mirabella, Andrew Thompson, M. Meghan Raisch, Merritt McCully, Enakshi Roy, Efe Sevin, Joyce Garczynski, Soo-yeon Hwang, Felicity Knox, Faina Linkov, Marcus Harris, Daniel Fersh, Howard Chab, Eric Chagala, Michael Dixon, Vicki Reitenauer, Rowanna Carpenter, Nancy Watkins, Alicia Brossette, Constance Lacy, Ph.D., Cecilia Tocaimaza-Hatch, Deborah Smith-Howell, Tess Heron, Emma Johns, Lori Hardesty, Laura Kroart, Zachary Hitchens, Rosey Higgs, Michelle McCann, Trisha Wells, Megan Bautista, Katherine Jo Idziorek, Kendra Jason, Christina Taylor Gibson, Alexander Ballard, Eboné Lockett, Toye Watson, Tiffany Thomas, Monica Ramos, Rita Hodges, Faustine Sun, Katie Martin, Kathleen Clark, Thomas J. Howarth, Taylor Ali, Kyle Farmbry, Howard Rosing, Patrick Gee, Qi Shi, Gia Grier McGinnis, Daniel Fidalgo Tomé, Lindsay Chudzik, Rebecca Zill-Miller, Debbie Darr, Patrick Green

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Closing Session

Location: Harbor A/B/C
Speaker: Stacey Johnson