



2026 TACCF CONFERENCE AGENDA

Please refer to Conference Packet for professional biographies on all presenters.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026		
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	TACCF Board Dinner <i>(optional; for TACCF Board members only)</i>	Boudro's on the Riverwalk
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026		
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast available in hotel dining room <i>(included in price of room)</i>	Atrium Dining Room
9:00 am. – 12:00 p.m.	TACCF Board Retreat & Lunch <i>(for TACCF Board members only)</i>	Texas B
12:30 p.m.	Conference check-in begins	Majestic C Pre-Function
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Special Session: Executive Directors/Vice Presidents The Executive Directors/Vice Presidents session is only intended for the senior-most leader within your community college foundation, generally holding the title of executive director/vice president.	Majestic C
	Special Session: Rising Stars Presenters: Dr. Jasmine Collier, Year Up United & Dr. Adrienne Thompson, Dallas College This session is specifically designed for emerging professionals with three years or less of experience in community college foundation offices or advancement support roles. The curriculum focuses on the	Majestic A&B

	foundational pillars of community college advancement, navigating the unique institutional landscape, and building high-impact external partnerships.	
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	BREAK	Majestic B Pre-Function
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Kick-Off and Keynote Speaker: Jan Johnson on Leadership & Excellence	Majestic A&B
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Conference check-in wraps-up	Majestic C Pre-Function
5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Meet buses for Alamo Colleges Reception Reception at San Antonio College	Meet buses in front of hotel
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026		
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast available in hotel dining room (<i>included in price of room</i>)	Atrium Dining Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Roundtables	Majestic A&B
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	BREAK	Majestic B Pre-Function
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Connect, Celebrate & Collaborate...Fiesta Style! Join us for the kickoff session with a fun activity and all you need to know to make the most of Day 2!	Majestic A&B
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	TACCF Welcome & Keynote Speaker introduction	Majestic A&B
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION – PART 1</u> <i>CURIOSITY CODE: Building a Culture of Curiosity to Thrive in the AI Era</i> <i>Presenter: Nathan Chappell</i> In a time of rapid technological change, the most successful nonprofit professionals won't be the ones with all the answers - but the ones who ask the best questions. Curiosity is the key to innovation, adaptability, and meaningful impact, yet too often, organizations prioritize efficiency over exploration. As artificial intelligence reshapes the way we work, the	Majestic A&B

	ability to think critically, challenge assumptions, and seek new possibilities will determine who thrives in this new era. In this engaging and thought-provoking keynote, Nathan Chappell, one of the world’s leading experts on AI and philanthropy, explores how nonprofit professionals at every level can unlock the power of curiosity to drive innovation and deepen their mission impact. Attendees will discover: • How a Culture of Curiosity leads to better decision-making, stronger donor relationships, and more resilient organizations. • The science behind curiosity and why it fuels engagement, creativity, and personal growth. • The role of AI as a curiosity amplifier - and how to ensure it enhances, rather than replaces, human ingenuity. • Practical strategies to cultivate curiosity in your daily work - whether you're engaging donors, crafting campaigns, or leading teams. This keynote is for anyone working in the nonprofit sector who wants to embrace curiosity as a superpower - one that drives innovation, strengthens connections, and ensures that AI serves humanity, not the other way around. Join us for an inspiring conversation about how curiosity can transform your career, your organization, and the future of philanthropy.	
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	BREAK	Majestic B Pre-Function
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<u>BREAKOUT SESSION #1</u> Practical Fundraising Strategies from Leading Community Colleges Across America <i>Presenters: Meg Natter, Betheny Reid, Mitch Andrews & Nicole Robinson Gauthier</i> This panel will present the results of a 2025 CASE survey of community college advancement professionals from small and big shops across the U.S., and get insight from two TX colleges that participated.	Majestic A&B Majestic C

	<u>BREAKOUT SESSION #2</u> Stories that Stick: Using Data to Persuade, Inspire & Secure Support <i>Presenter: Nicole Eversmann</i> Discover how data-informed storytelling can inspire donors, build trust, and show clear returns on investment, transforming advancement and fundraising strategies in service of Texas community colleges and our students.	
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Networking	Atrium Dining Room
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	TACCF Annual Meeting	Majestic A&B
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	BREAK	Majestic B Pre-Function
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<u>BREAKOUT SESSION #3</u> Fueling Futures: A Shared Roadmap for Workforce & Continuing Education Scholarships <i>Presenters: Amy Mundy & Matthew Busby</i> A candid journey from startup to scalable program, detailing governance, technology, fundraising, awards, and industry collaboration to empower more students across Texas colleges. <u>BREAKOUT SESSION #4</u> Event Fundraising: Love it or Hate it? <i>Presenters: Nicole Robinson Gauthier & Susan Summers</i> Love them or hate them, events aren't just about dollars raised. Learn how to turn events into powerful donor cultivation tools and keep them in their place in your fundraising toolkit. <u>BREAKOUT SESSION #5</u> Your Fundraising Journey: Skills, Support and Steps Forward <i>Presenter: Denise Kaufman</i> A practical, welcoming session for new and experienced fundraisers, highlighting transferable skills, confidence-building strategies, and a roadmap	Majestic A Majestic B Majestic C

	for success in donor engagement and organizational growth.	
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break	Majestic B Pre-Function
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>BREAKOUT SESSION #6</u> Investments 101 <i>Presenters: Mallory Sampson & Christopher Reynolds</i> A Back-to-Basics course to help build a foundation of financial literacy. <u>BREAKOUT SESSION #7</u> Cultivating a Culture of Philanthropy at Houston City College through a Fundraising Campaign <i>Presenters: Karen Schmidt & Holly Lang</i> Discover how HCC built a unified, campus-wide culture of philanthropy, transforming siloed fundraising into a collaborative movement driven by gratitude, impact, and shared purpose. <u>BREAKOUT SESSION #8</u> Building a Best in Class Fund Management Program that Pays Continuous Dividends <i>Presenter: Chelsea Lamego</i> Learn how community college foundations can strengthen donor trust and maximize impact by building transparent, data-driven fund management practices that align financial stewardship with mission outcomes.	Majestic A Majestic B Majestic C
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception followed by Hopscotch Immersive Art Experience	Majestic A Pre-Function
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026		
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast available in hotel dining room (<i>included in price of room</i>)	Atrium Dining Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Roundtables	Majestic A&B

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION – PART 2</u> <i>Navigating Your AI Transformation</i> <i>Presenter: Nathan Chappell</i> The closing keynote session offers a deep dive into the ongoing journey of AI integration within organizations, particularly focusing on its implications and opportunities in the fundraising sector. It discusses the evolution of AI technologies like predictive and generative AI, emphasizing their potential to enhance donor experiences through precision, personalization, and efficiency. Additionally, it addresses common concerns and questions regarding AI, such as privacy, ethical considerations, and the fear of job displacement, reassuring attendees that AI's role is to augment rather than replace human capabilities. The session aims to equip attendees with practical insights on leveraging AI responsibly to optimize and innovate in their operational and strategic endeavor, ultimately driving more informed and effective fundraising practices.	Majestic A&B
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	TACCF Closing Remarks	Majestic A&B