



European Conference for Student Affairs and Services **2026**



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS & SERVICES **2026**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Where: Seville, Spain

When: 11 - 13 November 2026

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1 Beyond Presence: Reimagining Student Engagement

1.1

One Room, Many Campuses: A Global Panel On What's Really Happening in Student Affairs Today

— **Speaker: Chris Campbell** | Senior Director of Identity and Cultural Engagement at Amherst College, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Panel Discussion

1.2

A Student Council With A Face

— **Speaker: Robin Vandenabeele** | Engagement Coach at HOGENT University College, Ghent, **Belgium**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.3

From Passive To Purposeful: Reimagining Student Engagement In Today's Campus Climate

— **Speaker: Tomicka Wagstaff** | Vice President at College of the Holy Cross, **United States**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.4

Validating The Vibe: Mastering De-Escalation With Gen Z

— **Speaker: Pantelis Chantzaras** | Coordinator of Student and Alumni Affairs at Perrotis College/American Farm School, **Greece**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.5

Art Imitates Life And Life Imitates Art: Revisiting Chickering's Second Vector Of Managing Emotions

— **Speaker: Jeffery Burgin** | Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.6

A Student-Centered Model For Well-being, Campus Life And Career Success

— **Speaker: Laura Martin** | Head of Career Services at CEU San Pablo University, **Spain**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.7

Safe Enough To Engage: Cultivating Belonging Through Psychologically Safe Learning Communities

— **Speaker: Asha Lessey-Charles** | Director, Peer Learning and Academic Enhancement at St. George's University, **Grenada**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.8

Adapting Student Success Through AI: Enhancing Personalized Support, Engagement And Academic Outcomes

— **Speaker: Joelle Fadlallah** | Student Success Specialist at Hamad bin Khalifa University, **Qatar**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.9

Competencies vs. Sociality: What Really Drives Students?

— **Speaker: Federica Bocco** | Assistant Director of Student Engagement at John Cabot University, **Italy**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.10

Beyond Graduation: Unlocking The Power Of Alumni Engagement

— **Speaker: Ashley Brand** | Director of Student and Alumni Engagement at Arizona State University, **United States**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.11

From Central Service To Shared Responsibility: A Federated Model For Embedding Disability And Student Success Across the University

— **Speaker: Declan Treanor** | Director, disAbility Hub at Trinity College Dublin, **Ireland**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.12

Designing Belonging For A Globally Connected Community

— **Speaker: Alexandra Aragon** | Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships & Online Program at Arizona State University, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.13

From Supporting Students To Shaping Institutions: Rethinking the Role of Student Affairs

— **Speaker: Sarah Wolgemuth** | Associate Vice President, Student Experience at the University of Alberta, **Canada**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.14

IMSA Engage360: Care, Connection And Curiosity

— **Speaker: Kristi Kelly** | Executive Director of Campus Experience at Illinois Math & Science Academy, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.15

Empowered Voices: Developing Women Leaders Through Access Programmes

— **Speaker: Sarah Grimson** | Associate Director for Admissions and Post-Entry, Trinity Access Programs at Trinity College Dublin, **Ireland**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.16

When Student Voice Shapes Student Affairs: Experiences And Case Studies

— **Speaker: Francesco Colla** | Head of Education at Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, **Italy**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

1.17

Beyond A Bed: University Belonging Through Residential Life

— **Speaker: Manal Ammagui** | Manager for Residence Education at American University of Ras Al Khaimah, **United Arab Emirates**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.18

From Access To Belonging: Lessons From A Ten-Year Foundation Course Review

— **Speaker: Ronan Smith** | Associate Director, Research, Policy and Data at Trinity College Dublin, **Ireland**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

1.19

Educating Beyond Knowledge: Why Human Development Is The Next Frontier of Higher Education

— **Speaker: Janelle Rahyns** | Senior Director, Global Impact at NASPA, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Plenary Keynote Session

1.20

Beyond The American Perspective: A Global Study Of Public Perceptions of Universities and Their Value

- **Speaker:** Darryl B. Holloman | Board Chair at NASPA, **United States**
- **Program Type:** Plenary Keynote Session

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Collective Well-Being: Prioritizing Dimensions Of Wellness As An Institutional Responsibility

2.1

Volunteer Leadership As Professional Development

- **Speaker:** Janelle Rahyns | Senior Director, Global Impact at NASPA, **United States**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.2

From Resilience To Responsibility: Student Affairs And Undocumented Students' Career Futures

- **Speaker:** Christian Espinoza | PhD Candidate and Educational Consultant at Claremont Graduate University, **United States**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.3

Leadership Learning As A Way to Thrive

- **Speaker:** Charles Panarella | Director of Florida State University, **Italy**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.4

Rethinking The University's Role: A Bottom-Up, Destigmatizing Journey In Student Well-Being

- **Speaker:** **Zamira Hyseni Duraku** | Full Professor at University of Prishtina, **Kosovo**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.5

Where Is The Love? Supporting The Embedding Of Love In The Curriculum

- **Speaker:** **Simone Cameron-Coen** | Student Welfare and Support Officer at Trinity College Dublin, **Ireland**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

2.6

Beyond Punishment: A Student-Centered Framework For Managing Non-Academic Misconduct

- **Speaker:** **Sneha Jain** | Referentin - Student and Alumni Affairs Officer; Lead, Honor Council Office at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, **Germany**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.7

Beyond Tutoring And Coaching

- **Speaker:** **Michele Crudele** | Director at IPE Poggiolevante, **Italy**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

2.8

With Great Responsibility Comes Great Liability: Managing Complex Student Cases In Higher Education

— **Speaker: Sinead Mac Bride** | College Solicitor & Head of Legal Services at Trinity College Dublin, **Ireland**

— **Program Type:** Panel Discussion

2.9

Better Digital Habits: How To Help Students Get Back in Control of Their Smartphone And Computer Use

— **Speaker: Ulrik Lyngs** | Research Fellow and Director at University of Oxford & Centre for Digital Habits, **United Kingdom**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.10

AI Beyond The Hype: How "Vibe Coding" Empowers Students To Tailor The Online World To Their Needs

— **Speaker: Ulrik Lyngs** | Research Fellow and Director at University of Oxford & Centre for Digital Habits, **United Kingdom**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

2.11

Well-Being In The Virtual World: Student Well-Being At University

— **Speaker: Kathrin Zimmermann** | Academic Researcher at Ruhr-University Bochum, **Germany**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

2.12

Mapping The Student Journey: A Multidimensional Approach To Student Experience Through Regional Data Integration

— **Speaker:** **Daniela Musto** | Senior Researcher and Observatory Coordinator at IRES Piemonte, **Italy**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

2.13

Silos To Systems: Reimagining Student Support As A Whole-Institution Strategy

— **Speaker:** **Sarah Pearl** | Assistant Director of International Student Transitions at Council of International Schools, **Netherlands**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

2.14

Building Student Success Through Partnership, Belonging, and Whole-Student Development in Ireland's Evolving Higher Education Landscape

— **Speaker:** **Daniel Caldwell** | ATU Lead Chaplain and Vice-President, Student Affairs Ireland at Atlantic Technological University, **Ireland**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

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Global Fluency: Mobility And Cultural Competency

3.1

The Global Hilltop: Leveraging The "Third Space" For High-Friction Intercultural Dialogue

— **Speaker: Tomicka Wagstaff** | Vice President at College of the Holy Cross, United States

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

3.2

Thriving Across Borders: Empowering International Student Success

— **Speaker: Aray Saniyazova** | Head of International Students and Scholars Services at Nazarbayev University, **Kazakhstan**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

3.3

Beyond Mobility: Developing Global Fluency Through Academic Advising And Student Affairs

— **Speaker: Miriam Khalil** | Director of Academic Advising and Student Success at Northwestern University, **Qatar**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

3.4

Global Trek: Developing Alternative Career Pathways In A Challenging Global Marketplace

— **Speaker: Robert Wilder** | Assistant Director at New York University, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Panel Discussion

3.5

Students As Partners: Leveraging Student Ambassadors To Advance Internationalization

— **Speaker: Joshua Pontrelli** | Program Manager, International Campus Life at Technical University of Munich, **Germany**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

3.6

Now I See What You Mean! Global Competency And Cross-Cultural Interaction Inspired By Students' Experiences and Stories

— **Speaker: Yun Shi** | Associate Director, International Education at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

3.7

Beyond Language Proficiency: Student And Staff Perspectives on Communicative Inclusion in Internationalized Higher Education

- **Speaker: Gabriela Michalik** | Administrative Staff Member at University of Applied Sciences in Tarnow, **Poland**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

3.8

From Passive Observers To Constructive Disrupters: Using Restorative Dialogue To Re-Engage Modern Campuses

- **Speaker: Amelia Lemmons** | Dean of Student Life and Leadership at Lehigh University, **United States**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

3.9

Centering Student Affairs In The Global Higher Education Ecosystem: A Model For International Student Leadership Through Strategic Partnership

- **Speaker: Ahmed Osman** | University Student and Residence Life Director at The City University of New York, **United States**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

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4 Frontline Futures: Empowering Student-Facing Professionals

4.1

Planning For Every Learner: Strategies For Inclusive Support In the Writing Center

- **Speaker:** Syeda Bushra Zaidi | English Writing Specialist at Qatar University, **Qatar**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.2

The Hidden Connectors: How Middle Translators Drive Change

- **Speaker:** Michael Metzger | Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at University of Massachusetts, Boston, **United States**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.3

gE CITY: Rethinking Student Housing Through University – City Partnerships

- **Speaker:** Valentina Presa | Director of Secretariat at Fondazione garagErasmus, **Italy**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.4

Seeing the Students We Don't See: Student Affairs Intelligence For Institutional Decision-Making

— **Speaker: Joseph Presa** | Director of Student Services at Lebanese American University, **Lebanon**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.5

Beyond Silos: Building And Sustaining A Student Success Ecosystem Through Strategic Planning

— **Speaker: Michael Metzger** | Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at University of Massachusetts, Boston, **United States**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.6

Beyond Networking: How ECSAS Sparked A Lasting Partnership For Student-Centered Higher Education

— **Speaker: Emanuela Pallotta** | Postgraduate Education Manager at Fondazione Onaosi, **Italy**

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.7

Beyond Siloed Advising: Operationalizing A Dual-Engine Model For End-to-End Student Development And Employability

— **Speaker: Ema Bliznovska** | Student Success Coordinator at Brainster Next, Republic of North Macedonia

— **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.8

An Invisible Infrastructure: Rethinking The Silos In Student Affairs

- **Speaker: Krishni Jain** | Student at New York University, **United States**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.9

Cultivating Sentebale: My Student Affairs Vision For The Middle East

- **Speaker: Wadad El Housseini** | Consultant at Qatar University, **Qatar**
- **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.10

Beyond The Silo: Managing Student Crises Up, Down And Across The Higher Education Ecosystem

- **Speaker: Chantelle Thompson** | Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Operations at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, **United States**
- **Program Type:** Panel Discussion

4.11

Assessment As Alliance-Building: Measuring Learning Across Student Affairs

- **Speaker: Dana Downey** | Associate Dean of Student Affairs & Director, Career Development Center at New York University Abu Dhabi, **United Arab Emirates**
- **Program Type:** General Interest Session

4.12

Nothing About Us Without Us: Building an Integrated Student Experience

— **Speaker: Juan-Ri Schutte** | Manager at the Student Leadership Academy, North-West University, **South Africa**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.13

It Takes Three To Tango: The Teacher As Partner In Shaping Students' Everyday Experiences And Well-Being

— **Speaker: Rianca van den Berkmortel** | Lecturer & Trainer at Inholland University of Applied Sciences, **Netherlands**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

4.14

Not All First Responders Wear Uniforms: Caring For Student Affairs Caregivers

— **Speaker: Shelby Harris** | Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs at Brandeis University, **United States**

— **Program Type:** Flash Talk

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