

# SOTA 2024 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE GUIDE

Thank you for attending this year's conference. Please review this complete guide for all of the information you will need to have a great conference experience. We look forward to welcoming you to Chapel Hill!

## WHOVA APP

The Whova application will be the best way for you to navigate the conference and access all relevant information in one place.

In addition to the complete agenda which can be searched by speaker, location, and session title, it also provides information on local logistics, conference maps, and will be the best way to receive notifications from the conference coordinators about last-minute changes or updates.

Please download it prior to the conference. It is available for both Apple and Android phones. You can also access the web Whova app on your desktop here:

[https://whova.com/portal/webapp/soac\\_202410/](https://whova.com/portal/webapp/soac_202410/)

Review the Whova user guide here:

<https://whova.com/pages/whova-app-user-guide>.

**Don't forget to enter the photo and caption contest by clicking on the Photos button on your Whova app! Also, explore the Meet-ups listed under the Community tab.**

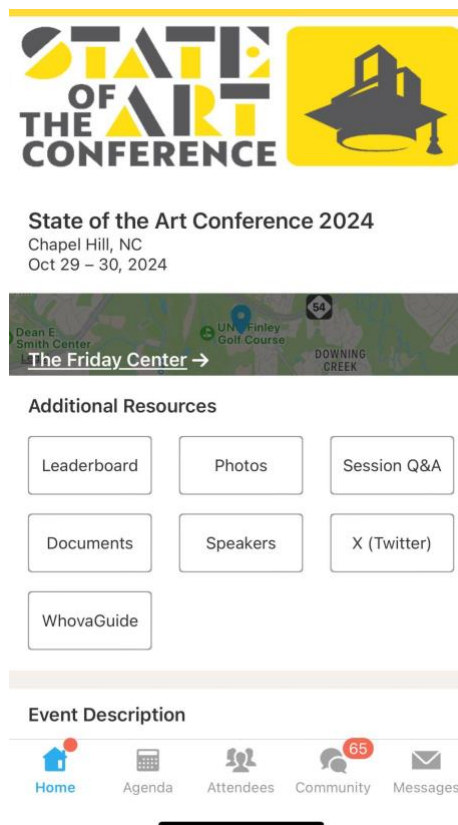
## CONFERENCE AGENDA

You can find the complete agenda on the Whova App (on mobile or desktop), or on the conference website [here](#). Going forward, any room changes or program updates will be made in the Whova, and we will send a notification through the app.

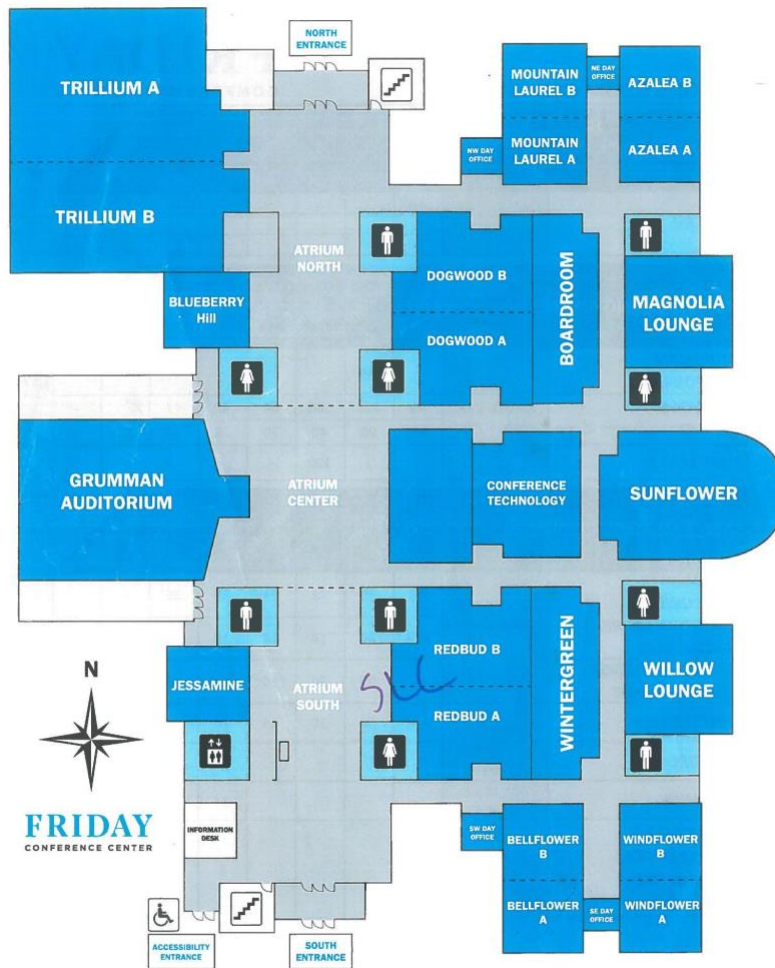
## CONFERENCE VENUE:

This year's conference will take place at The Friday Conference Center.

**The Friday Conference Center**  
100 Friday Center Dr  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517



## Venue Map:



## FRIDAY CENTER PARKING

There is open parking for conference attendees on Tuesday (10/29) and Wednesday (10/30) in the South Lot.

Anyone attending the 2024 Regional Alliances Capacity Building Institute pre-conference on Monday, October 28, will need a parking permit. Please contact Susanna Miller-Raines ([susanna.MillerRaines@umb.edu](mailto:susanna.MillerRaines@umb.edu)) to obtain the parking pass.

## CONFERENCE WIFI NETWORK

The Friday Center guest Wi-Fi is called **UNC-Guest**. **Simply select the network, and you will be connected.**

## TRAVEL AND HOTELS

If you are still in need of accommodations for the conference, please find our recommendations [here](#).

The closest airport to the conference venue is about 15 miles away, Raleigh-Durham International Airport-RDU, followed by Greensboro-GSO (70 miles away).

## REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Conference check-in will be located in the Friday Center Lobby at the following times:

Monday, October 28, 8:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00-8:30am

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00-8:30am

The main check-in table will be staffed all three days if you need additional assistance.

## MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Breakfast, lunch, and snack breaks will be provided at the Friday Center on both days of the conference.

Breakfast will be available in the Trillium room each morning from 7am-8:30am. Break and lunch times will vary slightly, please check the agenda for the exact times.

Lunch for the SOTA conference will be in Trillium and lunch for SLC will be located in the Second Floor Atrium.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a drink ticket will be available at the opening reception, along with pizza in the Karaoke area.

## INCLUSIVE COLLEGE FAIR

### Date/Time

Monday, October 28

5:30 - 7:30p

### Location

UNC Carolina/Frank Porter Graham Student Union – Great Hall

209 South Rd

Chapel Hill, NC 27599

### Parking

Cobb Parking Deck - \$1 Parking

Paul Green Dr

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

[Link](#) to mapped location (see image below)

On-site pay stations are available - use code Zone 4500 to get the \$1 Weeknight Parking fee.

You can also pay in advance using the [Park Mobile App](#) by following the instructions under 'Use the App' on [this page](#).

## Maps and Wayfinding

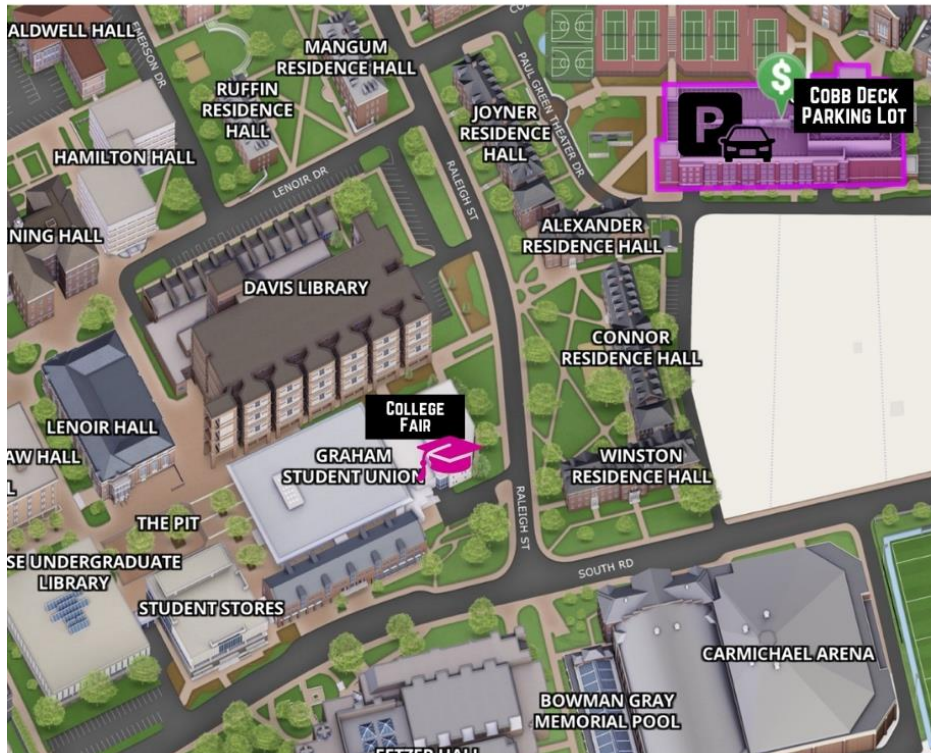
[Here](#) is a campus map detailing the location of the College Fair, and below is a map showing where it is in relation to the Cobb Parking Deck. Once you arrive, follow the signage to the College Fair entrance.

We have over 30 programs from all over the country exhibiting! Check out the colleges represented: <https://taishoffcenter.syr.edu/sota/college-fair>

We are also excited to have the [B3 Coffee](#) Pop-Up Stand on-site at the Fair. They will have their delicious refreshments available for attendees to enjoy for free! Learn more about B3 Coffee and their mission to provide social and vocational opportunities for people of all abilities [here](#).

Feel free to spread the word to other families and students with intellectual disability who may be interested in exploring inclusive college options.

## COLLEGE FAIR PARKING



## WELCOME RECEPTION

Make sure to join us on Tuesday night for the SOTA Welcome Reception.

We're taking over Club Still Life Chapel Hill! Floor two will be the location of Karaoke, and the Rooftop Bar on floor three will be the location of the general reception. There is an elevator available to access all three floors. Shuttle bus services will be available. See details below.



## ACCESSIBILITY

### Transportation

Please review the shuttle services below, which will provide accessible transportation to key conference locations.

We will also have a vehicle for those with mobility needs to make transfers between the Friday Center and the Courtyard Chapel Hill. To schedule a ride, come to the SOTA Registration table or email [ksheehan@sheehancomms.com](mailto:ksheehan@sheehancomms.com).

### Presentations

All plenary sessions will include CART services. All regular sessions will have presenter microphones, and captioning will be enabled on videos and slides.

### [Chapel Hill Accessibility Guide \(click here\)](#)

The official Accessibility Guide to Disability-Friendly Restaurants and Hotels in Chapel Hill/Orange County, North Carolina.

Please contact [ksheehan@sheehancomms.com](mailto:ksheehan@sheehancomms.com) with other accessibility needs.

## SHUTTLE SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION

The shuttle services being offered are outlined on the following page. We also highly recommend utilizing the **Ride Share Discussion Group on the Whova app** to coordinate rides to and from the airport and between the Friday Conference Center and your hotel.

**Chapel Hill public transit** is highly reliable and fare-free, offering transportation throughout the Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and UNC community.

### Triangle Transit

Triangle Transit operates regional bus and shuttle service, paratransit services, ride matching, vanpools, provide commuter resources, and an emergency ride home program for the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. **919-485-7433 (RIDE)**. Plan your trip with the [Trip Planner](#).

[Learn more here.](#)

## SOTA 2024 SHUTTLE SERVICES

Please find the complete list of available shuttles services for the 2024 State of the Art Conference on Inclusive Postsecondary Education below.

TIME	PICK-UP LOCATION	DROP-OFF LOCATION
<b>Monday, October 28</b>		
4:15pm Inclusive College Fair Transport	The Friday Center - South Entrance 100 Friday Center Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	UNC Carolina/Frank Porter Student Union 209 South Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27599
8:00pm Inclusive College Fair Transport	UNC Carolina/Frank Porter Student Union 209 South Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27599	Courtyard Chapel Hill 100 Marriott Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>		
2:00pm SLC Campus Visit Transport (two buses available)	The Friday Center - South Entrance 100 Friday Center Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	Graham Memorial 218 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
5:00pm - 9:00pm Opening Reception Transport (Buses on loop between locations)	Courtyard Chapel Hill 100 Marriott Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517	Club Still Life 159 E Franklin St Chapel Hill, NC 27514
5:20 pm - SLC option to return to Courtyard Hotel (1 trip)	Graham Memorial 218 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	Courtyard Chapel Hill 100 Marriott Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517

### Need a lift between the Courtyard Chapel Hill and The Friday Center?

Stop by the SOTA Registration table or email  
ksheehan@sheehancomms.com to schedule a ride.



## **LACTATION SPACE**

There is a lactation space located behind the front desk of the Friday Center as well as access to a locked refrigerator. Anyone needing these services should ask the attendance behind the front desk for access.

## **BREAK ROOM**

Jessamine Room will serve as the break room for attendees needing a quiet space to relax.

## **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms are located throughout the property, and you can find gender-neutral bathrooms on the second floor of the building.

## **CONFERENCE CONTACTS**

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