

2026 Student Leadership Conference Agenda

Tuesday, October 27 (Pre-Conference)	
2:00 - 2:30	Welcome [Grad Nave Ballroom]
2:45	Leave for Campus
3:30-5:30	Breakouts on Campus: exploring the Dance Studio at the Activities and Recreation Center, visiting the Memorial Union (student life hub) and bowling in the games area, taking a campus tour, or watching a screening of <i>Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution</i>
5:30-7:30	Inclusive College Fair
	Travel back to hotel or visit College Fair

Wednesday, October 28 (Day 1)		
8:30-10:00	Welcome and Keynote [Grad Nave Ballroom]	
10:00-10:15	Break	
Session 1: Student Leadership and Advocacy [Gardenia]		
10:15	Brief Welcome	Rebekah and Cam
10:15-11:15	The History of Disability Advocacy and Disabled Human Rights	Matthew Tobias
	“I Want People to Listen”: Disability Identity & Advocacy	Aarya Tiwari and Monika Tiwari
	Advocacy! What I've learned since college	Olivia Baist
	Questions about presentations	
11:15-11:30	Break	
Session 2: Breakout Rooms (Choose 1)		
Option 1: College 101 [Room TBD]*		
11:30-12:30	Anything is Possible: Advice from Two Seniors on Making the Most of College	Mia Bergstrom and Dana Neault
	Transition From High School into College	Omarion Austin

	Beyond a Bachelor's Degree: My College Journey	Edlynn Harrell-Sanchez
	Questions about presentations	
Option 2: Life after College [Gardenia]*		
11:30-12:30	Living LIFE: Understanding the Impacts of Independent Living on Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities	Jesse Reyes and Evan Allgood
	Life After Redwood SEED	Bryan Ma and Katelyn Reed
	Adulting-Life After College	Mary White
	Questions about presentations	
12:30-2:00	Lunch and afternoon keynote [Grand Nave Ballroom]	
2:00	Leave for Capitol	
2:00-4:30	Capitol visit: SLC students will walk across the street to the California State Capitol. There, they will receive a tour of the capitol from insiders who know the capitol well. After the tour, self-advocates, advocates, legislative staff and legislators will meet to share their stories and the impact of telling your story. After that, SLC students will work in small groups with support to develop their story and write an advocacy statement. This can be used when they return home to advocate for more inclusive college opportunities with their state and local policy makers.	
4:30	Return to hotel for reception, affinity groups 4:30-5:30	

Thursday, October 29 (Day 2)		
8:30-10:00	Welcome and Leadership Awards [Grand Nave Ballroom]	
10:00-10:15	Break	
Session 4: Choose 1		
Option 1: Finding Your Place in College [Room TBD]		
10:15-11:15	You can be in a fraternity	Davis Spain
	Join a college club you won't regret it	Jp (jack Pasquale)
	Getting Connected: Finding Your Place in College	Lorenza Parente and Remi Vincent

	Questions about presentations	
Option 2: Making the Most of College [Gardenia]		
10:15-11:15	Networking 101	Edward Konigsberg
	How IPSE Students Move from Mentee to Mentor and the Benefits of Both Roles*	Dixon W. Lovato, Grace Ciriano, William McGinnis, Andie Kevas
	Study Skills: Student Success in Higher Education	Eileen Santiago
	Questions about presentations	
11:15-11:20	Break	
Session 5: Choose 1		
Option 1: Jobs, Jobs, Jobs! [Gardenia]		
11:20-12:15	Accepting Feedback at Work	Andres Collazos and Macy Pereira
	Internships and How They Shape Our Futures	John Renicker and Ethan Paul
	My Journey from Job Coaching to Independence	Ryan Berry
	Questions about presentations	
Option 2: Building Your Campus Community [Room TBD]		
11:20-12:15	Getting Involved on Campus: Building Community and Connections	Ayesha Dunlap
	Getting Involved on Campus	Nevae Grandison
	How to Build Community on Campus: Strategies from Current IPSE Students	Tammy Tang
	Questions about presentations	
12:15-1:45	Lunch and afternoon keynote [Grand Nave Ballroom]	
Session 6: Self-Advocacy [Gardenia]*		
1:45-2:45	Developing Voice and Agency in College	Heather Moreno, Caitlyn Cobb, Matthew Tobias, Alex Little, Tristen Garcia

	The Importance of Self Care	Leah Beilman
	The Empowered Mindset: Self-Advocacy and Wellbeing	Michaela Mazur
	Questions about presentations	
2:45-3:00	Break	
Session 7: Sex and Relationships Q&A [Gardenia]		
3:00-3:30	Speaker(s) TBD	
3:30-3:45	Break	
3:45-4:30	Conference Closing [Grand Nave Ballroom]	