



Louisiana Board of Regents Meauxmentum Summit IV

February 4-5, 2026 • Cajundome and Convention Center • Lafayette, LA

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Registration/Breakfast – Exhibit Hall B**

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks – Exhibit Hall B**
Board of Regents and UL Lafayette leadership

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM **Keynote – “Accelerating Meauxmentum”**
Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM **Break**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **Group A Workshops**
Workshop and group consultation locations listed in “Workshop Information” section below.

Campus Conversations – Vermillion Room

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM **Lunch and Networking – Exhibit Hall A**

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM **Group B Workshops**
Workshop and group consultation locations listed in “Workshop Information” section below.

Campus Conversations – Vermillion Room

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM **Break**



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2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Student Panel – Exhibit Hall B

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education – Moderator
Melvin Britten IV, Baton Rouge Community College - Panelist
Bryce Chapman, SOWELA Technical Community College - Panelist
Richard Cooper, Louisiana State University A&M - Panelist
Amani J. Jenkins, Southern University New Orleans - Panelist
Vanessa Luevano, Louisiana State University A&M - Panelist
Lianne L. Montelibano, McNeese State University - Panelist
Devesh Sarda, Louisiana State University in Shreveport - Panelist

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Reflection and Closing – Exhibit Hall B

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

DINNER – Exhibit Hall B

Thursday, February 5

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration/Breakfast – Exhibit Hall B

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Welcome – Exhibit Hall B

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

PANEL – “Higher Education Today” – Exhibit Hall B

Dr. Samuel Gladden, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation - Moderator
Dr. Mark Becker, President Emeritus, Georgia State University
Dr. Nancy Zimpher, National Association of Higher Education Systems
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, American Association of Community Colleges

9:30 AM – 9:45AM

Break

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Group A Workshops and Group B Consultations

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Campus Conversations – Vermillion Room

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Break



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11:15 AM - 12:30 PM **Group B Workshops and Group A Consultations**
Workshop and group consultation locations listed in "Workshop Information" section below.

Campus Conversations – Vermillion Room

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM **Lunch & Institution Team Time – Exhibit Hall B**

Team time instructions will be posted in Exhibit Hall B

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Institutional Presentations**

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM **Closing and Adjournment**

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation



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Group A Workshops

February 4, 10:30-11:45AM and February 5, 9:45-11:00AM

Advising

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Redesigning Curriculum as a GPS: Helping Students Navigate with Purpose (Faculty)	Dr. Ryan Maltese	Gospel Room
Creating a Culture of Care in the Classroom: Supporting the Whole Student Across Academic Disciplines (Faculty)	Summer Serpas	Jazz Room
Rethinking the Role of Advising in the First-Year (Administrator)	Dr. Kenn Barron	Evangeline Room

Catapult Courses

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Employing TiLT (Faculty)	Dr. Mary-Ann Winklemes	Blues Room
Transforming the Foundational Postsecondary Experience: Using Data and Design to Improve First-Year Outcomes (Administrator)	Dr. Brandon Smith and Dr. Brent Drake (w/ Dr. Helen Wise and Angie Pellerin)	Cajun Room
Creating the Conditions for Faculty-Led Redesign at Scale (Administrator)	Dr. Heidi Leming	Iberia Room

Scaling

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Catalyst, Convener, Community: Transforming the Community College Ecosystem (Executive)	Dr. DeRionne Pollard	Zydeco Room
Collective Impact in Action: Building Systems of Shared Responsibility (Executive)	Dr. Nancy Zimpher	St. Landry Room
From Crisis to Coordination: Building a Campus-Wide Essential Needs Hub to Anchor Student Belonging and Success (Administrator)	Dr. Jodi Bailey Accavallo	St. Mary Room
Implementation Science and Continuous Improvement: Driving Change in Higher Education (Administrator)	Dr. Sarah Whitley	St. Martin Room



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Group B Workshops

February 4, 1:00-2:15PM and February 5, 11:15AM-12:30PM

Advising

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Structuring the First 30 Hours Like They Matter (Because They Do) (Faculty)	Dr. Todd Zakrajsek	Gospel Room
Purpose and a Plan: Implementing an Engaging and Motivating Program Onboarding Experience for All Students (Administrator)	Dr. Hana Lahr	Jazz Room
Analytics for Navigation: Equipping Advisors with Tools That Matter (Administrator)	Dr. Raishell Johnson	Evangeline Room

Catapult Courses

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Designing Effective and Engaging Courses to Promote Student Success (Faculty)	Dr. Justin Shaffer	Blues Room
Teaching with AI: Reimagining Catapult Course Design for a New Era (Faculty)	Dr. C Edward Watson	Cajun Room
Build the System, Keep Improving: Institutional Design for Teaching & Learning Excellence (Administrator)	Dr. Al Solano	Iberia Room

Scaling

TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
Scaling Student Success: Lessons from Georgia State (Executive)	Dr. Mark Becker	Zydeco Room
Analyzing the Complexity of Curricula And Student Progress (Administrator)	Dr. Greg Heileman	St. Martin Room
10 Practices for Institutions to Scale Work-Based Learning (Administrator)	Kevin Grubb	St. Mary Room



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Group A Open Consultations – February 5, 11:15AM-12:30PM Exhibit Hall B

Table 1: Dr. Ryan Maltese

Table 2: Summer Serpas

Table 3: Dr. Kenn Barron

Table 4: Dr. Mary-Ann Winklemes

**Table 5: Dr. Brandon Smith and Dr. Brent Drake
(w/ Dr. Helen Wise and Angie Pellerin)**

Table 6: Dr. Heidi Leming

Table 7: Dr. DeRionne Pollard

Table 8: Dr. Nancy Zimpher

Table 9: Dr. Jodi Bailey Accavallo

Table 10: Dr. Sarah Whitley



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Group B Open Consultations – February 5, 9:45-11:00AM Exhibit Hall B

Table 1: Dr. Todd Zakrajsek

Table 2: Dr. Hana Lahr

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