

ASPIRE 2025 Agenda

Saturday September 27, 2025

7:00am-5:00pm Registration
8:00am-5:00pm UB/UBMS Pre-Conference Workshop
Andrea Reeve & Lourdes Zavala

Sunday September 28, 2025

7:00am-7:30pm Registration
8:00am-4:00pm UB/UBMS(3:00pm-4:00pm ETS & EOC Where are you at checklist)
Andrea Reeve & Lourdes Zavala
1:00pm-4:00pm Newcomers Pre-Conference Workshops
Dariana Roybal & Jeff Kahlden
7:00pm Welcome Reception
Conference Co-Chair Remarks: Rafael Orozco & Susana Ruvalcaba
CU Denver Student Performance

Monday September 29, 2025

8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
9:00am-9:50am Plenary - COE Update
Kim Jones - COE President
10:00am-10:50am Plenary - Legacy to Action: Navigating Times of Change
Panelists:
Theresa Rader
Andrea Reeve
Oscar Felix
Jeff Kahlden
Dariana Roybal - Moderator
11:00am-11:50am Concurrent Sessions

- Breaking Cycles, Building Futures: The Ripple Effect of Caring Adults Providing HOPE - *Justin Pickens, Room: Standley I (ALL)*
- Building Resilient Teams - Addressing Secondary Trauma for TRIO Professionals - *Peter Donaldson, Room: Standley II (ALL)*
- Launching Leaders: How TRIO Professionals Can Champion Career Readiness and Life After Graduation - *Nicki Joiner, Room: Cotton Creek (College)*
- Vendor: Blumen - Find Out Why It's Miles Ahead of Other Software - *David Croomer, Room: Meadowbrook*

12:30pm-1:50pm TRIO Achievers Luncheon
2:00pm-2:50pm Concurrent Sessions

- Doing the Most, Getting the Least: 3 Hidden Habits Holding New TRIO Professionals Back - *Nicki Joiner, Room: Standley II (ALL)*
- Mapping Success: Using State Requirements to Elevate TRIO's Impact - *Shelby Burroughs Pryzgoda, Room: Cotton Creek (Pre-College, ETS, UB/UBMS)*
- Creating A Pre-College Pathway: Tips to Increase Engagement Partnerships with Colleges and Universities - *Jeff Kahlden, Room: Standley I (Pre-College)*

- Vendor: Mastering TRIO Data Like a Pro with StudentAccess - *Alex Grote and Claysa Diamond, Room: Meadowbrook (ALL)*
- Vendor: Doing More With Less: Meeting TRIO Requirements Through Trackable Online Solutions - *Alex Pecoraro, Innovative Educators, Room: WB II (ALL)*

3:00pm-3:50pm Regional Business Meeting
4:00pm-5:00pm State Meetings

Tuesday September 30, 2025

8:00am-12:00pm Registration
8:00am-8:50am Candidates Forum - President-Elect, Treasurer
9:00am-9:50am Concurrent Sessions

- Concurrent Enrollment in Action: Insights, Data, and Strategies for TRIO Programs - *Adrienne Shabandarian, Katrina Venta, Laura Gittings-Carlson, Andrea Reeve, Room: Standley I (Pre-College, College, ETS, UB/UBMS, EOC, SSS)*
- Top 3 Resume Mistakes High School Students Make and How TRIO Professionals Can Help Fix Them - *Nicki Joiner, Room: Standley II (Pre-College, ETS, UB/UBMS)*
- Starting the SSS Grant Cycle on the Right Track - *Rafael Orozco, Room: Cotton Creek (SSS)*
- Vendor: FOUR 24's: Empowering Youth through Sobriety Advocacy 24 hours at a Time - *Kyle Wimmer, Room: Meadowbrook (ALL)*

10:00am-10:50am Vendor Walk-Through
11:00am-11:50am State Meetings
12:00pm-1:50pm Lunch On Your Own
2:00pm-2:50pm Regional Business Meeting
3:00pm-5:00pm TRIO Opportunity Walk
Opportunity Walk to Butterfly Pavilion

6:00pm-10:00pm Award Banquet
MSU Mariachi
Membership Awards
Rising Star
Friend of ASPIRE
Champion of ASPIRE
Board Induction
Live Auction
Karaoke/Dance

Wednesday October 1, 2025

7:15am-8:00am Breakfast

8:00am-8:50am Plenary - Expanding Your Network with Education State and Regional Associations

Panelists:

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Colleen Falkenstern

Director of Evidence and Strategic Initiatives, Policy Analysis and Research

CSU Systems

Dr. Nathaniel "Nate" Easley Jr.

Vice Chair for the Board of Governors

Colorado Department of Higher Education

Dr. Angie Paccione

Executive Director

Rafael Orozco - Moderator

9:00am-10:15am Plenary - Funding in Flux: Opportunities and Challenges in Today's Climate

Panelists:

University of Colorado Denver

Antonio Farias

Vice Chancellor For Access and Campus Engagement

Colorado Mountain College

Yesenia Silva Estrada, MSW

Vice President of Planning and Chief of Staff

SustainEd Farms

Matt Suprunowicz

Founding Executive Director

Samantha Hill - Moderator

10:30-11:20am Concurrent Session - Program Roundtables

- UB/UBMS
- ETS
- EOC/VUB
- SSS/McNair

11:30am-12:00pm Silent Auction Closes/50-50

12:00pm Closing/Announce ASPIRE 2026!