



Skyhawk Retention Summit

May 22-23, 2024

Schedule

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:30 - 12:30** Check in (Boling University Center lobby)
- 12:00-1:30** Welcome lunch (University Center Ballroom)
Remarks from *Chancellor Yancy Freeman, UT Martin*
- 1:45-2:30** **Session 1:** Are our institutions set up to support adult learners? Is our institutional support for adult learners strategic and systematic or random?
(University Center 206)
Matt Mathews, UT-Chattanooga; Michell Ivey, Columbia State Community College
- Session 2:** What do we mean when we talk about student success?
(University Center 230)
Leigh Remy, University of Alabama in Huntsville; Stephanie Kolitsch, UT Martin
- 2:45-3:30** **Session 3:** How do we create alternative pathways to retain students who need to change programs? (University Center 206)
Brad Baumgardner, UTM; Daphne Brown, Tennessee Board of Regents; Matthew Little, UT-Southern
- Session 4:** How can we help students on academic and scholarship probation get back on track? (University Center 230)
Brelinda Johnson, Motlow State Community College; Abby McGregor Mullen, Madisonville Community College
- 3:30** Break
- 4:00-4:45** **Session 5:** How do high-impact learning activities assist in retention and how can we get more students to engage in them? (University Center 206)
Sarah Jiter, Southern Illinois U-Carbondale; Dlynn Williams, Austin Peay State U
- Session 6:** What approaches to onboarding transfers make the greatest impact on their persistence to graduation? (University Center 230)
Erica Holmes Trujillo, UT-Chattanooga; Anita Cannedy, UT-Martin Jackson Center
- 5:00** Reception and dinner (Ballroom)
Remarks from *President Randy Boyd, University of Tennessee*

Thursday, May 23

- 8:00 - 9:30** Check in (University Center lobby)
- 8:30** Continental Breakfast (University Center Welcome Center)
- 9:15-10:00** **Session 7:** More than 120 hours earned, no degree, and dead-ended in a major—what's next? (University Center 206)
Tracy Comer, THEC
- Session 8:** What role does advising play in student persistence and success? (University Center 230)
Sara Youngerman, Jackson State Community College
- 10:15-11:00** **Session 9:** Re-recruiting our stop outs: what do they need to help them return, and how do we support them once they're back? (University Center 206)
Destin Tucker, UTM; Carshonda Martin, Belmont University
- Session 10:** What role do extracurricular experiences play in improving student retention? (University Center 230)
Andy Lewter, UTM; Tammy Rhodes, University of North Alabama
- 11:15** Wrap up (Watkins Auditorium)