
Event Agenda

Council of College and Military Educators Symposium

Sun, Feb 23, 2025

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **Full Board Meeting**
Location: National Harbor 7
- 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM** **Optional Information Session**
Location: National Harbor 7

Mon, Feb 24, 2025

- 6:15 AM - 6:45 AM** **Well-Being - Yoga Session with CCME**
Location: National Harbor 8
- 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Membership and Registration Open**
Location: Maryland C Registration Desk
- 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM** **CCME Information Desk and Mobile App Assistance**
Location: Maryland C Registration Desk
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Speaker Ready Room/Storage**
Location: National Harbor 6
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **The History and Impact of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)**
Location: National Harbor 11
Speakers: Belinda Jones, Louis Martini
- 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM** **ACME 101/201 - Best Practices and ACME Challenges**
Location: National Harbor 4
Speakers: Desiree Butts, Michael Camden
- 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM** **Newcomers' Brief: Navigating the CCME Symposium**
Location: National Harbor 5
Speaker: Jide Gamu
- 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM** **DOL VETS Overview: Empowering Veterans Through Education and Employment**
Location: National Harbor 11
Speakers: Belinda Jones, Kristopher Rick
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM** **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
Location: Various Locations
- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **Registration Open**
Location: Convention Center Pre-Function
- 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM** **Legislative Updates in Military & Veteran Higher Education with Dr. Wescott**
Location: National Harbor 11
Speaker: Joseph Wescott
- 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **EXIBITOR MOVE IN**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM** **Updates from Veteran Support Organizations: Strengthening Higher Education for Military-Affiliated Students**
Location: National Harbor 11
Speakers: Lisa Binger, Anthony Palino, Joseph Wescott, Steven Brown

- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **CCME Business Meeting - Open to all Members**
Location: National Harbor 4
Speakers: Jide Gamu, John Decoteau
- 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM** **CCME Board Welcome and Introductions**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
Speaker: Nicole Winget
- 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM** **CCME President's Reception: Exhibit Hall Grand Opening (Appetizers Provided)**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
Speaker: Nicole Winget
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Tue, Feb 25, 2025

- 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM** **Registration Open**
Location: Convention Center Pre-Function
- 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM** **CCME Information Desk and Mobile App Assistance**
Location: Convention Center Pre-Function
- 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
- 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **Exhibit Hall Open**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
- 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Speaker Ready Room**
Location: National Harbor 6
- 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM** **Opening Ceremony/Singing of National Anthem/Presentation of Colors**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speakers: Nicole Winget, Shamonique Chacon, D.C. National Guard Honor Guard
- 8:15 AM - 8:15 AM** **Welcome from the CCME President - Nicole Winget**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speaker: Nicole Winget
- 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM** **Enhance Your Life with SMA (R) Daniel Dailey, AUSA**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speaker: SMA(Ret) Daniel A. Dailey
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM** **Opening Keynote Speaker - Scott Stalker**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speaker: Scott Stalker
- 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM** **House Keeping ITEMS**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speaker: Karen Diaz
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM** **Break Exhibit Area**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM** **Latest Updates on DoD Education**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speaker: Mark Phelan
- 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM** **Break Exhibit Area (Snacks/Coffee Provided)**
Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM** **Insights from the Voluntary Education Chiefs: Recent Developments and Future Directions**
Location: Maryland A-D
Speakers: Emily Deuell, Wes Smith, Laurie Murphy, Steve Keck, Shania Truelove, Debbie Marconda

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN - Enjoy the DMV Area!!!

Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Super Sessions # 1

DoD Institutional Compliance Program Update: More Improvements on the Way

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Chesapeake A/B/C

Speakers: Mark Phelan, Scott Flood

Academic Institutional (AI) - Leveraging Technology to Support our Military Community

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Chesapeake D/E/F

Speaker: Joel Derocher

Veteran Mental Health and Wellness Panel

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Chesapeake G/H/I

Speakers: Adam Roche, Tina Atherall, Amy Williams, Kristin Saboe, Trinidad Aguirre, Alisha DeWalt

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Break Exhibit Area

Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby

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ACME RECEPTION (INVITE ONLY)

Location: Chesapeake J/K/I

Speaker: Desiree Butts

Wed, Feb 26, 2025

6:00 AM - 6:00 AM

THEME: SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE BY WEARING YOUR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS

6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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7:45 AM - 8:00 AM

Welcome (Take Seats)

Location: Maryland A-D

Speaker: Michele Spires

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Higher Education Builds America: Driving Innovation and Collaboration to Empower Learners

Location: Maryland A-D

Speakers: Ted Mitchell, Michele Spires

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

Break Exhibit Area

Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Concurrent Session Block # 1

Innovate Fast– Aligning data, AI, tech, and training with agility to solve critical workforce needs

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake A

Speaker: Jeffrey Carpenter

Leveraging Technology & Data Interoperability to Recognize & Maximize Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake B

Speakers: Melora McVicker, Seith Thom, Taylor Davis

Deflating the Elephant: Controlling Credentialing Costs without changing the program

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake C

Speaker: Josh Atkinson

US Naval Community College's Holistic Student Support = Success

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake D

Speakers: Alphonso Garrett, Terese Craig

Best Practices for Army TA Schools

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake E

Speaker: Mindy Boenning

Accelerating Career Readiness: Impact of Credentialing in Military & Civilian Workforce Development

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake F

Speakers: Keith Boring, Stanley Person, Gary Dover, Sophia Sweeney, Mike Reynolds, Jason Smith, Tronie Young, Allegra Fowler

Bridging the Gap Between Academia and Employment with Tailored Career Support

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake G

Speakers: Wendy Garcia, Travis Mantiply

Connecting Timeless Wisdom to Transform Growth in Military Education

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake I

Speaker: Giancarlo Aponte

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Break Exhibit Area (Snacks/Coffee Provided)

Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Concurrent Session Block # 2

MTEP Review Readiness: A New Training Portal for Success

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake A

Speakers: Lindsay Leutzinger, Lisa Ferris-McLean, Zachary Goldford

Fast Track to the Right Track: Accelerate Career Planning Using the ASVAB Career Exploration Program.

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake B

Speakers: Crystal Jones, Kate McLean

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education, Training, Exercises, and Evaluation (ETEE)

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake C

Speaker: Christopher Bloor

Enhancing Support for Military-Connected Students: Collaboration in Complaint Management

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake D

Speakers: Sara Appel, Rachel Christeson, Cheryl Dowd

Leveraging DANTES Resources for World-Class Education and Career Planning Support

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake E

Speaker: Emily Bachman

Unlocking the Power of Data: Enhancing Interoperability & Exchange in Military Training Evaluations

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake F

Speakers: Beth Austin, Angela Thompson, Matthew Gonzalez, Kathie Sidner

Agents of Change: Building Future-Ready Education Pathways that Transform Military Learning into Academic Credit

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake G

Speakers: Allegra Fowler, Amy Morys, Dallas Kratzer

Streamlining Pathways to Degree Attainment and Employment through Interoperable Digital Credentials

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Chesapeake I

Speakers: Michele Spires, Peter Janzow

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Break Exhibit Area

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11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Concurrent Session Block # 3

Building a Connected Campus: Strategic Mentorship for Success Across Student Populations

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake A
Speakers: Wendy Garcia, Jackson Viccora

Role of the three Army Components in advancing Soldier educational and career goals and objectives

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake B
Speakers: Kenneth Hardy, Wes Smith, Amy Moorash, Sabrina Giraldo, Erin Johnson

Accelerating Degree Completion Through DANTES Funded Test Centers

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake D
Speakers: Matthew Schwantz, Gini Beran, Nick Johnson

Navigating Innovative Military-Affiliated Recruitment Efforts in 2025 and Beyond

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake E
Speaker: Monica Sziron

Unlocking the Future of Military & Veteran Education Benefits Through Innovation

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake F
Speakers: Heather DeSpain, Mahdi Omar, Paul DeCecco

Accelerating and Streamlining education through My Education collaborative systems

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake G
Speakers: Rachele Smith, Laurine Anderson, Shawn Bernard, Tronie Young

Translating Military Experience to Civilian Workforce

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake H
Speakers: John Milroy, Paige McDonough, Mareba Mack

Empowering Service Members through Skills Identification and Digital Badging

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Chesapeake I
Speakers: Rita Detrick, Jenny Kim

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

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1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Concurrent Session Block # 4

Fostering Diversity in MTEP Reviews: ACE Faculty Subject Matter Experts

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake A
Speakers: Lindsay Leutzinger, Lisa Ferris-McCann

ERAU Partnerships with Key Organizations: Where STEM and Education Take Flight

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake B
Speakers: Nancy Tran-Horne, Hayley Yamanaka

Translating Military Experience to Civilian Workforce

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake C
Speakers: Paige McDonough, John Milroy, Mareba Mack

Streamlining VA/TA Benefits for Compliance, Efficiency & Student Success: a MilVet Navigator Demo

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake D
Speakers: Jerry Becker, Paul DeCecco, Mahdi Omar, Heather DeSpain

The Impact of Effective Military Advising: CCAF Students and Building Resilient Leaders

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake E
Speaker: Bryanna Tarantino

Green Zone Training and Culture of Care

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake F
Speakers: John Aldrich, Lisa Binger

"Empowering Veterans: Integrating B.A.S.I.C. Business Training for Success

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Location: Chesapeake G
Speaker: Ritchie Thomas

US Naval Community College's Holistic Student Support = Success

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Location: Chesapeake I
Speaker: Terese Craig

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Break Exhibit Area

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2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Concurrent Sessions Block # 5

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Leveraging Technology & Data Interoperability to Recognize & Maximize Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake A

Speakers: Melora McVicker, Seith Thom, Taylor Davis

Holistic Advising: Student-Centered Advising for your Military-Affiliated Students

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake B

Speakers: Emily Jones, Sasha Burkett

The Global Military Learning Network: Collaboration and Innovation to Support Students

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake C

Speakers: Kimberly Johnson, Robin Webster

Serving Students by Distance Education – Compliance Collaboration to Ensure Access

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake D

Speakers: Cheryl Dowd, Marianne Boeke

Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership: Serving Veterans Academic and Mental Health Needs

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake E

Speaker: Ken Williams

Leveraging Technology to Empower Staff Supporting Military-Affiliated Students: Tools & Solutions

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake F

Speakers: Heather DeSpain, Jeff Deickman

Boosting the Power of Credentials: Indicators of a Quality Credential

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Chesapeake G

Speakers: Amanda Danis, Karen White

Leveraging ACE Recommendations to Drive Talent Management: Perspectives from Training and Education Commands

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Location: Chesapeake I

Speakers: Beth Austin, Michele Spires

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3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Unlocking Opportunities and Accelerating Career Readiness: The Power of Credentialing in Military and Civilian Workforce Development

Location: Maryland A-D

Speakers: Lauren Runco Bevilacqua, Laura Schmiegel, Melora McVicker, Allegra Fowler, Dallas Kratzer, Amy Morys

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Housekeeping Remarks

Location: Maryland A-D

Speaker: Karen Diaz

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A Night Under the Stars and Stripes Gala

Location: Maryland A-D

Speakers: Sarah Lamkin, Desiree Butts

Thu, Feb 27, 2025

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration Open

Location: Convention Center Pre-Function

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CCME Information Desk and Mobile App Assistance

Location: Convention Center Pre-Function

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Open

Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby

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8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	<p>Welcome - Take Seats Location: Maryland A-D Speaker: Nicole Winget</p>
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<p>Career and Education Transition Fair Location: National Harbor 4-5</p>
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<p>Veteran Administration (VA) Updates Location: Maryland A-D Speaker: Ken Smith</p>
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	<p>Break Exhibit Area (Snacks/Coffee Provided) Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby Speaker: Belinda Jones</p>
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<p>CCME Student Panel Location: Maryland A-D Speakers: Desiree Butts, Justus Jones, Sean Durgin, Tony Lamboy</p>
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Break Exhibit Area Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby Speaker: Belinda Jones</p>
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11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>Break Exhibit Area - Grab Food Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby Speaker: Belinda Jones</p>
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	<p>ESO Panel - LUNCH Provided Location: Maryland Ballroom Speakers: Dirk Kuntz, JT Craig, John Harris, Brian Elliott</p>
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>Break Exhibit Area Location: Maryland Side Area Lobby Speaker: Belinda Jones</p>
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	<p>Super Sessions # 2</p> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Higher Education Builds America: Transforming Curriculum and Learning for Economic and Societal Impact 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Location: Chesapeake A/B/C Speakers: Derrick Anderson, Mitzi Montoya, Allison Ruda</p> <p>Transition Assistance Program (TAP): Supporting Service Members on the Path from Service to Scholar 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Location: Chesapeake G/H/I Speaker: Melinda Manyx</p> </div>
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Senior Enlisted Panel

Location: Maryland A-D

Speakers: Master Chief Matt Buckman, NCCM(SW/AW/IW) Yenier Ramirez

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Closing Ceremony

Location: Maryland A-D

Speakers: Nicole Winget, John Decoteau

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NAIMES Meeting (INVITE ONLY)

Location: National Harbor 4

Fri, Feb 28, 2025

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CCME 2026 BOARD MEETING