

SCHEDULE

AAFCS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

September 18-21
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Friday, Sept. 18 Registration: 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm

5:00 – 6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
6:15 – 9:15 pm	  Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Kansas City Royals at PNC Park

Saturday, Sept. 19 Registration: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm | Morning Refresher 7:30 to 8:30 am

9:00 – 9:45 am	The Five Habits of Leadership Communication: How Great Leaders Build Trust, Inspire Action, and Shape Culture Through Every Conversation Presented by Aaron Lavallee
10:00 – 10:45 am	Accountability Without Fear: Building Psychological Safety on Teams Presented by Sacha Thompson
10:15 am – 5:00 pm	  Grant Writing Academy: From Concept to Competitive Proposal (Day One) Presented by the National Grants Management Association
11:00 – 11:45 am	Leading with Equity: An Interactive Scholarship Allocation Simulation for Ethical Decision-Making Presented by Bernard Green

 Advanced sign-up required

 Additional fees apply

 Food and beverage served

Saturday, Sept. 19 (cont.)	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunchtime Innovation Labs with RealityWorks
1:00 – 1:45 pm	From Burnout to Balance: Mind to Body Micro-practices for the FCS Professional Presented by Florence Wydra-Gat
1:00 – 3:00 pm	 Affiliate Leadership Workshop
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Building Leadership to Address Food Insecurity Presented by Karleah Harris
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Marketing Tips & Tricks
4:00 – 4:45 pm	AAFCS Speed Networking Session
6:00 – 8:00 pm	  Dine Around Restaurant Social
Sunday, Sept. 20 Registration: 9:00 am to 12 pm  Morning Refresher 7:30 to 8:30 am	
9:00 am – 3:45 pm	  Grant Writing Academy: From Concept to Competitive Proposal (Day Two) Presented by the National Grants Management Association
9:00 – 9:45 am	Grounded and Adaptive Leadership Principles Presented by Ethel Jones

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Sunday, Sept. 20 (cont.)	
10:00 – 10:45 am	Students as Program Ambassadors: Building Advocates Through Promotional Video Presented by Julian Costa
11:00 – 11:45 am	Fledgling to Flourishing: A Candid Five-Year Look at Scaling a Multi-State Education Initiative in FCS Classrooms Presented by Diane Mora
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	 Lunchtime Innovation Lab
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Advocacy Workshop Presented by Karin Athanas
2:00 – 3:30 pm	The Mr. Rogers Effect Presented by Lori Myers
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies
Monday, Sept. 21 Post-Conference	
8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Certification Testing
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	  Heinz History Center Tour

Thank you for attending!

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