

Tentative Agenda

AASPA's Equity in Action Summit
March 31 - April 1, 2025 - Chicago, IL

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30		
05:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Networking Reception	
MONDAY, MARCH 31		
07:30 am – 08:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Registration Badges sponsored by Edustaff Bags sponsored by ESS/Proximity Learning	
08:00 am – 08:15 am	Welcome & Introductions <i>Kelly Coash-Johnson, Executive Director, AASPA</i>	
08:15 am – 09:30 am	Leading with Clarity: The HR Blueprint for Engagement and Accountability in Schools - <i>Dr. Nicole Price</i> Sponsored by Bloomboard	
09:30 am – 09:45 am	Networking Break - Sponsored by PowerSchool	
09:45 am – 10:45 am	Strategies for Inclusion - <i>Kevin Walton Sr.</i>	OMG! How Can my School Leaders Effectively Recruit and Retain Teachers of Color? - <i>Dr. Jill Ardley</i>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Networking Break – Sponsored by K12 Coalition	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	DEI In the News: Understanding the Changing Legal Landscape - <i>Aaron Kacel</i>	
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	Networking Lunch	
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Transforming Our Environments: Fostering Inclusivity to Enrich Organizational Culture! - <i>Peter Ferguson, Marla Styles, Brittney Hodges-Bolkovac & Vann Price</i>	Permission to Interrogate - <i>Monica Roshawn Green</i>
02:00 pm – 02:15 pm	Networking Break – Sponsored by Moreland University	
02:15 pm – 03:15 pm	Navigating Immigration Policy and Enforcement: Implications for HR Professionals - <i>Mary Kate Fernandez</i>	Alternative Certification Pathways
03:15 pm – 03:30 pm	Networking Break – Sponsored by Upbeat	
03:30 pm – 04:30 pm	Overcoming Bias for Better Student Outcomes - <i>Dr. Nashwa Mekky</i>	Change Leadership Through a Culturally Responsive Filter - <i>Dr. Bess Sullivan Scott</i>
04:30 pm – 06:00 pm	Networking Reception	
TUESDAY, APRIL 1		
07:30 am – 08:00 am	Breakfast Buffet & Registration	
08:00 am – 08:15 am	Welcome Back <i>Kelly Coash-Johnson, Executive Director, AASPA</i>	
08:15 am – 09:15 am	Continuing to Strive in 2025? Supporting our Stakeholders within an Ever-changing Political Landscape - <i>Panel Discussion Facilitated by Michele Stephens</i>	
09:15 am – 09:30 pm	Networking Break - Sponsored by International Alliance Group (IAG)	
09:30 am – 10:30 am	Empowering Leadership Through the Lens of Storytelling - <i>Anna Marie Candelario</i>	Hiring and Sustaining Black Educators - <i>Dr. Tiffany Brunson</i>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Networking Break - Sponsored by Marathon Health	
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Sponsor Speed Networking	
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	Networking Lunch	
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Mitigating Bias	Beyond Bias: Building an Equitable Future in K-12 Hiring - <i>Dr. Stephanie Morgan-Harris</i>
02:00 pm – 02:15 pm	Networking Break	
02:15 pm – 03:15 pm	Retention through Recognition	Culturally Intelligent Leadership Practices
03:15 pm – 03:30 pm	Wrap Up & Evaluation <i>Kelly Coash-Johnson, Executive Director, AASPA</i>	

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