

NORFOLK

August 26, 2026

ACHE CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER #3

QUICK REMINDERS

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- ✓ [Register](#) for the conference.
- ✓ Book your [hotel](#) accommodations.
- ✓ Plan your travel to Norfolk.
- ✓ Review the [conference agenda](#) and plan your time in Norfolk.
- ✓ [Register](#) for the Scholarship Sunset Cruise.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

This is your chance to shine a spotlight on the outstanding faculty, staff, and programs making a difference in continuing higher education! Celebrate their hard work, leadership, and impact by giving them the recognition they deserve.

[Individual Awards](#)

[Program Awards](#)

[Marketing & Publications Awards](#)

Nominations are due by August 28, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.



*Navigating Uncharted Waters:
Leadership, Resilience & Renewal*



WHO'S JOINING THE VOYAGE TO NORFOLK?



The ACHE Annual Conference brings together continuing higher education professionals from California to New York and beyond, representing dozens of institutions and organizations. Attendees include faculty, program managers, directors, deans, executive leaders, enrollment professionals, workforce development specialists, and industry partners. Connect with colleagues in continuing education, online learning, enrollment, student success, workforce development, and academic leadership. Exchange ideas, build relationships, and expand your professional network. There's a place for you at ACHE!

ACHE Conference Team

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA: A CITY SHAPED BY THE SEA



CITY SEAL

Founded in 1682, Norfolk grew from a small colonial port into one of the most important maritime centers on the East Coast. Located along the Elizabeth River and Chesapeake Bay, Norfolk became a hub for shipping, trade, and commerce.

Norfolk's history is a story of resilience and reinvention. Fires, hurricanes, wars, economic changes, and urban transformation have challenged the city, yet it continues to evolve while honoring its past. Historic neighborhoods, museums, waterfront districts, and cultural institutions reflect the many communities and generations that have contributed to its character.

Cultural symbols of Norfolk represent its maritime heritage, naval power and colonial history. The Mermaid was adopted as the city's official symbol in 1999. Discover colorful fiberglass mermaid sculptures located throughout downtown and local neighborhoods. The Norfolk Mace was presented to the city in 1754 by Royal Lieutenant Governor Robert Dinwiddie. It is on display at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

From Leadership to Humanship: Reimagining the Future of Continuing Higher Education



Tom Yannuzzi

Executive
Director & CEO
Suffolk Center for
Cultural Arts

Dr. Yannuzzi is Executive Director and CEO of the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts in Suffolk, Virginia. He brings more than 30 years of experience helping organizations lead inclusive, socially responsible change.

Dr. Yannuzzi was the director of the Leadership Communication Program at the Wharton School. He later partnered with the Rotterdam School of Management to develop its Personal Leadership Development Program. He has consulted with organizations including Merrill Lynch and Booz Allen Hamilton, plus coached executives worldwide through complex change initiatives.

Dr. Yannuzzi holds a B.A. from California State University Fullerton, an M.A. from Temple University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

SET SAIL FOR LEARNING: SESSIONS TO EXPLORE

Resiliency: 75 Years of Innovation in Adult Higher Education

Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, New Mexico Highlands University

Explore how pioneering institutions and innovations broke barriers for adult learners and continue shaping the future of higher education.

Getting Students Across the 'Finish Line': A Model in Degree Completion for Returning Seniors

Tracy Robinson, University of Memphis

Discover a proven degree-completion model that has helped more than 1,200 returning students overcome barriers, maximize prior learning and cross the finish line.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

➤ WHAT IS THE HOTEL BOOKING DEADLINE?

The hotel booking deadline is October 1, 2026.

➤ CAN I TRANSFER MY REGISTRATION?

Yes, if emailed to admin@acheinc.org by October 16, 2026.

Share your stories, big or small, and let's inspire each other at **#ACHEcon26**.