# NORFOLK

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*Navigating Uncharted Waters: Leadership, Resilience & Renewal*

ACHE 2026

## QUICK REMINDERS

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

✔️ Review the conference agenda and plan your time in Norfolk.
✔️ Register for the Scholarship Sunset Cruise.
✔️ Download the Whova App

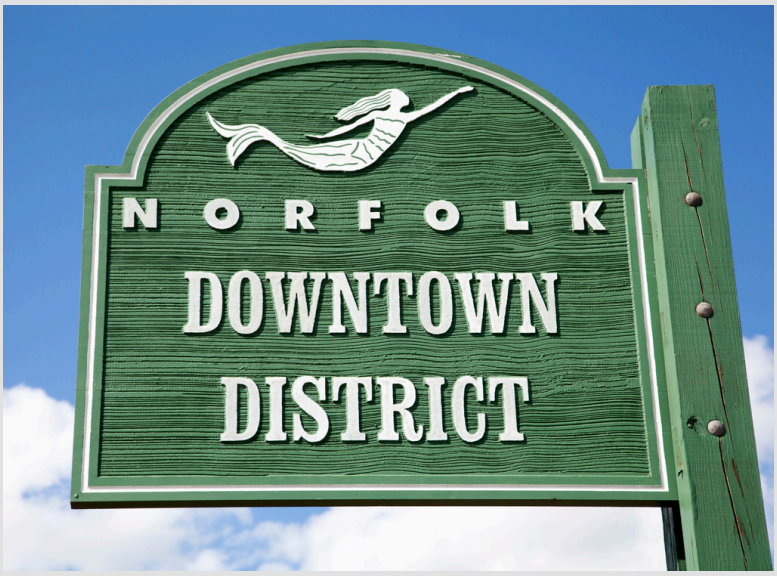
### SPECIAL EVENTS

Connect with fellow ACHE attendees beyond the conference sessions:

- **Welcome Reception (Monday Evening):** Reconnect with colleagues and meet new participants.
- **Awards Luncheon (Tuesday)**: Celebrate excellence and our colleagues who make a difference.
- **Feel the Love Live! (Tuesday):** Build connections across the ACHE community.




## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!




The countdown is on! Soon, we'll gather in Norfolk, Virginia, for ACHE's 88th Annual International Conference. From inspiring keynote speakers and engaging sessions to meaningful conversations and reconnecting with our ACHE family, there's plenty to look forward to! Before you set sail, take a few minutes to review the information in this newsletter to help you prepare and make the most of every moment. Get ready to share ideas, strengthen connections, and chart new courses together. Norfolk, here we come!

*ACHE Conference Team*

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 PARTNERS!

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## WHAT TO PACK FOR NORFOLK

Norfolk's fall weather calls for layers! Expect cool mornings in the mid 50s and afternoons in the low 70s. Whether you're cruising the river, strolling the waterfront, exploring downtown, or attending conference sessions in chilly meeting rooms, a little preparation goes a long way.

**Pack these essentials:**

- Layers: Sweaters, cardigans, and a light-to-medium jacket
- River cruise & waterfront walks: A wind-resistant jacket and a scarf for breezy moments on the water
- Comfortable footwear: Walking shoes for exploring downtown and the waterfront
- Conference attire: Professional outfits with a warm layer for cool meeting rooms
- Rain protection: A compact umbrella or lightweight rain jacket
- Extras: Sunglasses, a small day bag, and any evening attire you'll need

**Travel tip:** Check the forecast again just before departure, and dress in layers so you're ready for whatever Norfolk brings!

## EXPLORE THE WHOVA CONFERENCE APP

Whova is the go-to place for the conference details you'll need to stay involved in the conference and meet your colleagues before you arrive. Here is what you can do:

- Sign into Whova to create your profile
- Review the sessions and create your schedule
- Participate in the ice breakers
- Join a Meet-up
- Share an interesting article
- Take a poll
- Get to the top of the Leaderboard!

## CONFERENCE THEME DAYS

- **Day 1:** Wear navy, white, stripes, denim with subtle nautical accents as we begin our voyage together.
- **Day 2:** Include seaglass inspired color pops like turquoise, coral and nautical brights to give energy to innovation and exploration.
- **Day 3**: Sport your institution's gear as we return to our home ports.

## FIRST & SECOND TIMERS EVENT

First & Second Timers will have a special breakfast on Monday at 8:30am. Check the Whova app for location. Join us to meet ACHE leadership and begin your journey with new friends.

**SHARE YOUR STORIES AND LET'S INSPIRE EACH OTHER AT #ACHECON26.**

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