



ATE STUDENT & RECENT ALUMNI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 26

1:30 p.m.

Student Meet and Greet
Executive Room

For any students arriving early to the conference, AACC is coordinating an informal meet and greet opportunity on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Executive room. Join us for some light refreshment, introductions, and an opportunity to meet your fellow students. The meet and greet will also include a guided tour of the Omni Shoreham Hotel, information on its rich history, and a visit to its infamous ghost suite. Following the hotel tour, students can set-up for their poster session in the Ambassador ballroom.

2:00 – 5:15 pm

Poster Session Set Up (REQUIRED)
Ambassador

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Plenary Session & Dinner
Regency

Choose Growth – Preparing Students for a Post-Pandemic World

Keynote Speaker: **Scott Barry Kaufman**, Cognitive Scientist and Humanistic Psychologist, Founder, Center for The Science of Human Potential, & Host: The Psychology Podcast

It's no secret that the pandemic has been challenging for everyone. The trauma, loss, and uncertainty of our world have led many of us to ask life's biggest questions. Who are we? What is our higher purpose? And how do we not only live through but *thrive* in the wake of tragedy, division, and challenges to our fundamental way of living? Specifically, in higher education settings, how does this translate to serving the diverse needs of our students? How do we best support and engage students to prepare them for the workforce in this new post-pandemic world? Join renowned Humanistic Psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman as he shares tools designed to unlock creativity, innovation, and self-actualization—as well as share strategies to build resilience to handle adversity in the future. Providing STEM students with these life skills can foster growth, enhance student wellbeing, and lead to a highly productive workplace of today and tomorrow.

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

ATE Student/Alumni Poster Session (REQUIRED)
Ambassador

9:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Student Poster Session Tear Down (REQUIRED)
Ambassador

Thursday, October 27

8:30 – 9:20 a.m.

Concurrent Session 4: ATE Student Spotlight – Strategies for Engagement & Success

Diplomat

Join us for a lively discussion and the opportunity to hear directly from ATE students! This concurrent session features a panel of students who will share their STEM program experiences and discuss the impact of student enrichment and engagement strategies—such as dual-enrollment, undergraduate research, internships, and apprenticeships—as being vital to student success in a hybrid world. Panelists will also explore ideas for promoting innovation when preparing students for a post-pandemic workforce.

Samuel Ruiz, Student, Forsyth Technical Community College, NC; **Holly Shafer**, Student, Mt. San Antonio College, CA; **Cody Steffy**, Apprentice, American Electric Power; Student, Columbus State Community College, OH; **Mahoganie Wilson-Little**, Student, Bloomfield High School, Manchester Community College, CT; **Pam Silvers**, Instructor, Computer Technologies, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, NC (moderator)

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Special Student Only Session: Design Your Purpose – Using Innovation Tools & Mindsets to Craft the Career You Want

Executive Room

How might you combine your skills, interests, and the causes you care about into a meaningful career? In this workshop, you will learn innovation tools and mindsets to help you start answering that question and intentionally designing the career you want. Whether you already know exactly what you want to do or have no idea, you will leave the session equipped with new skills and an entrepreneurial mindset that will help you identify opportunities, generate lots of ideas, and quickly prototype possibilities.

2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Air and Space Museum/ Washington, D.C. Tour (Advance Sign-up Required)

Meet in Hotel Lobby by Concierge Desk

As part of the ATE Conference, AACC offers ATE students and alumni a complimentary tour of the newly remodeled Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum and the opportunity to see some of the city's important landmarks such as the White House, Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol Building, and others. The bus departs the Omni Shoreham Hotel at 2:00 p.m. and will return at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for students to take the tour. However, we do require that you sign up ahead of time to attend as it is a ticketed entry.

Friday, October 28

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

ATE Student & Alumni Recognition Breakfast (REQUIRED)

Empire Ballroom

ATE students, alumni, and their PIs are expected to attend this special recognition breakfast. ATE students and alumni will be formally recognized by NSF for their achievements in ATE programs.

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session: Preparing Students for a Post-Pandemic Workforce – A Collaborative Approach

Keynote Speaker: **Allyson Knox**, Senior Director of Education Policy and Programs, Microsoft, DC

Community colleges play a critical role to expand and diversify a skilled technical workforce especially in cybersecurity—a technology that impacts all STEM disciplines. Government, educational institutions, and employers must work together to address some of the challenges for expanding these opportunities. New legislation proposed by Representatives Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Yvette Clarke (D-NY) does just that—by providing resources for faculty development, promoting work-based opportunities, and providing funds for scholarships and supportive services for students to earn an associate degree in cybersecurity. Join us for a discussion of this legislation as well as to hear an industry perspective on emerging post-pandemic workforce trends impacting all STEM students.

10:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Synergy Meetings

Various locations

Students/alumni are encouraged to consult the ATE Conference program to attend Synergy meetings in their STEM discipline areas or fields of interest to have the opportunity to network and contribute to discussion.