ACC-ALN Conference
Southern Methodist University, March 23- 25, 2026
The Individual as a Starting Point in Leadership: Relationships & Recognition

Monday, March 23, 2026		
12:00 PM	**Conference Check-in & Buffet Lunch**	
1:00PM	**Welcome to SMU** • Paige Ware, *Associate Provost for Faculty Success* • David Sedman, *Associate Professor of Film & Media Arts*	**The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall** **Great Hall** **Luggage Storage in Classroom**
1:30 PM	**Discovering your Leadership Goals—and Mapping How to Reach Them (panel)** • Michael Harris, *Dean of the Simmons School of Education and Human Development* • Dayna Oscherwitz, *Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness* • Harold Stanley, *Vice President for Executive Affairs*	
2:30 PM	**Community Norms** • Paige Ware, *Associate Provost for Faculty Success*	
2:45 PM	**Communities of Practice I** • Craig Stanley, *Associate Vice President, Florida State University*	
3:45 PM	Hotel Check-in at 4PM	**The Graduate Hotel**
5:00 PM	**Reception & CoP Networking Activity** • President Jay Hartzell: Welcoming Remarks	**Indoor Performance Center (IPC) and Miller Ballroom**
5:45 PM	**Leadership in Athletics** • Damon Evans, *SMU Director of Athletics*	
6:00 PM	**Dinner**	
7:00 PM	**Return to Hotel**	**The Graduate Hotel**

Tuesday, March 24, 2026		
7:40 AM	**Walk to breakfast**	**The Graduate Hotel**
8:00 AM	**Breakfast**	**Frances Anne Moody Hall** **Auditorium/Atrium** **Liaison Lunch – Seminar Room 241**
8:30 AM	**Leading Through Influence** • Jeff Strese, *Instructor, Cox Executive Education*	
12:30 PM	**Lunch & Liaisons meeting**	
1:30 PM	**Leading Student Affairs** • Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje, *Senior Vice President for Student Affairs*	
2:00 PM	**Communities of Practice II** • Craig Stanley, *Associate Vice President, Florida State University*	
3:00 PM	**Photo of Group/Snacks/Break for Tours**	**Specific Locations**
3:30 PM	**Breakout Tours** • Guildhall Gaming Studio • Internet of Things • Bush Library & Gardens • Meadows Museum	
5:00 PM	**Tour Museum, Happy Hour & Mingling**	**Meadows Museum Founders Room/South Lobby**
6:00 PM	**Dinner & Provost Remarks** • Rachel Davis Mersey, *Executive Vice President & Provost*	
7:30 PM	**Return to Hotel**	**The Graduate Hotel**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026		
8:15 AM	Breakfast	The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall Great Hall Luggage Storage in Classroom
9:00 AM	**Leaders as Connectors and People Builders (panel)** - Todd Milbourn, *Dean of the Cox School of Business; Dean & Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership* - Bryan Stone, *Leighton K. Farrell Endowed Dean of the Perkins School of Theology* - Jason Nance, *Judge James Noel Dean of the Dedman School of Law*	
10:00 AM	**Institutional Leadership: Collaborations across Campus (panel)** - Sheri Kunovich, *Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement and Success* - Wes Waggoner, *Vice Provost for Enrollment Management & Chief Enrollment* - Claudia Hart, *Executive Director for Enrollment Services*	
11:00 AM	**Communities of Practice III** Craig Stanley, *Associate Vice President, Florida State University*	
12:00	Box lunch	