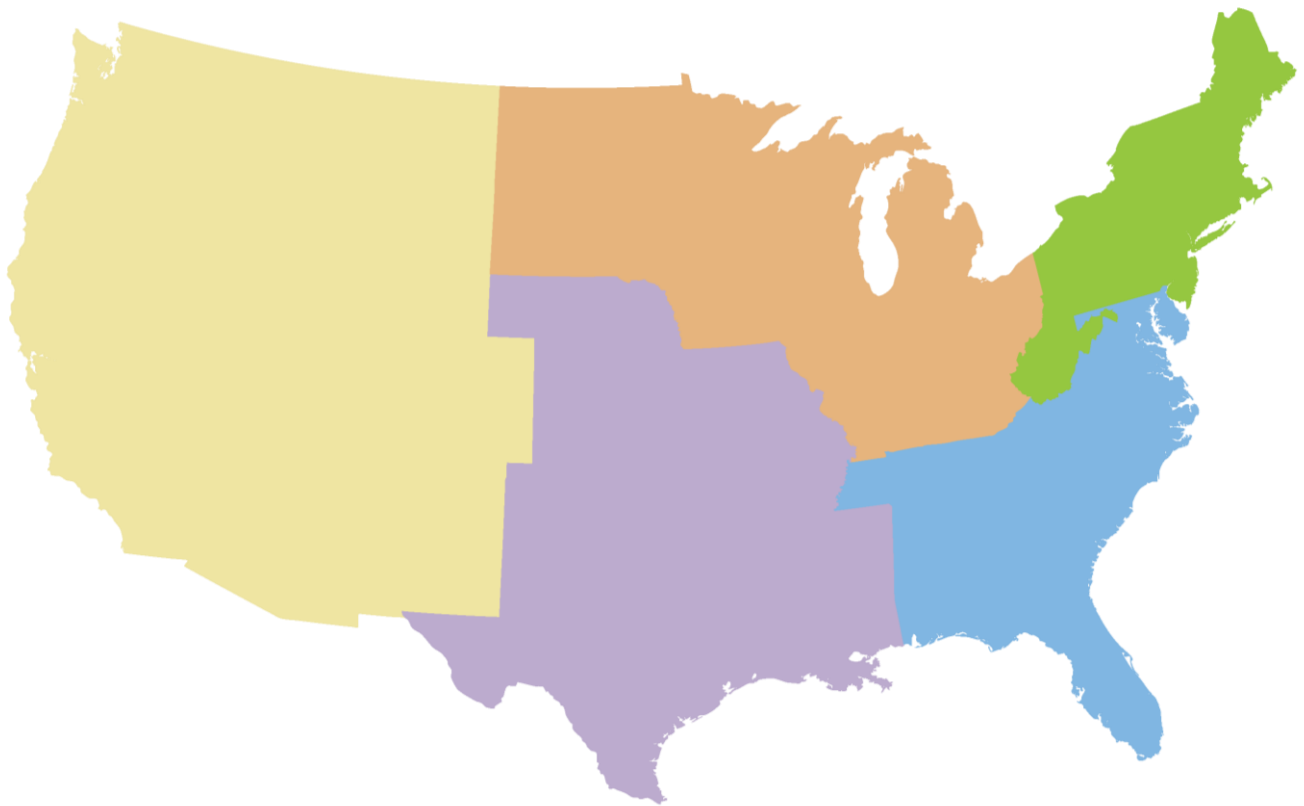


# 2015

Graduate Student Leadership Summit  
University at Albany, SUNY Albany  
August 3-5, 2015  
Albany, NY



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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STUDENTS



# AGENDA

## Monday, August 3

### Conference Location:

UAlbany Downtown Campus Husted Hall (106A)  
135 Western Ave Albany, NY 12203

### Conference Contact:

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### 1:45 PM Depart Liberty Terrace

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to Husted Amphitheater

### 2:00 PM UAlbany Attendees Check-in & Registration

Husted Amphitheater

### 2:30 PM Welcome Address

Kristofferson Culmer, NAGPS President  
Dr. Ed Engelbride, Associate VP of Student Affairs  
Husted Amphitheater

### 2:45 PM What is Sustainable Leadership Roundtable

Summit Committee Members Cassidy Drasser, Lisa Cassidy, & Kat Slye; Husted Amphitheater

### 3:45 PM Keynote Address

Dr. Mary Ellen Mallia, Director of the Office of Environmental Sustainability, UAlbany;  
Husted Amphitheater

### 4:30 PM The Role of Power in Leadership Development

Caitlin Janiszewski, NAGPS Employment Concerns Chair; University at Albany NAGPS Summit  
Committee Co-Director; Husted Amphitheater

### 5:00 PM Depart Downtown Campus

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to Liberty Terrace

### 5:30 PM Nature Walk and Greeting

Kay Olan, Mohawk Storyteller; Heritage Garden

### Cocktail Reception & Dinner

Special Guest Provost Stellar; UAlbany Uptown Campus Fountain

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## Tuesday, August 4

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### 9:00 AM Depart Liberty Terrace

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to Husted Amphitheater

### 9:30 AM Breakfast sponsored by Student Affairs

Husted Café

### 10:00 AM Community Networking Panel

Joe Citek (Tierra Farm), Will Malcom (Capital Roots), and Carmen Rau (Holding Our Own, Inc.);  
Husted Amphitheater

### 11:00 AM Outreach Panel

Laura Ten Eyck (American Farmland Trust) and Dan Crowley (Printz and Patternz);  
Husted Amphitheater

### Noon Lunch sponsored by Graduate Education

Husted Café; Optional viewing of Ted Talk: “How Great Leaders Inspire Action” by Simon Sinek

### 1:00 PM Society: Student Governance and Institutional Change (*breakout session*)

Lisa Cassidy, Summit Comm. Member; Husted Amphitheater & Cafe

### 2:00 PM The Intersection of Market Forces and Sustainability

Dr. Mary Ellen Mallia (Director of Environmental Sustainability, UAlbany) and Dr. John Gowdy  
(Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute); Husted Amphitheater

### 3:00 PM Inequality, Exploitation, and Sustainability

Dr. Bret Benjamin and Dr. Aaron Major (UUP); Husted Amphitheater

### 4:00 PM Address by University at Albany President Robert Jones

Husted Amphitheater

### 4:15 PM Equity: Intersection of Student Crises (*breakout session*)

Catlin Janiszewski, NAGPS Employment Concerns Chair; Husted Amphitheater & Café

### 5:30PM Depart Husted Amphitheater

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to McGeary's Pub

### 6:00 PM McGeary's Social

McGeary's Pub, 4 Clinton Square, Albany, NY 12203; optional Trivia Night at 7:30 PM

### 7:30 PM & 9:30 PM Departures from McGeary's Pub to Liberty Terrace

UAlbany Shuttle Bus

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## Wednesday, August 5

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### 9:00 AM Depart Liberty Terrace

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to Husted Amphitheater

### 9:30 AM Breakfast

Husted Café

### 10:00 AM Fifty-four Men in a Room and Other Stories of Determined Underdogs

Dr. Gary Kleppel (Department of Biological Sciences); Husted Amphitheater

### 11:00 AM The Challenges of an Activist Leader

Sandy Steubing (People of Albany United for Safe Energy); Husted Amphitheater

### Noon Lunch

Husted Café; Optional viewing of “The Story of Stuff” by Annie Leonard

### 1:00 PM Stewardship: Graduate Student Toolbox for Change (*breakout session*)

Erin Sanderson, Summit Comm. Member, Husted Amphitheater & Cafe

### 2:00 PM Closing Remarks / NAGPS Fall Outlook

NAGPS Summit Director Cassidy Drasser and NAGPS Officers

### 3:00 PM Depart Husted Amphitheater

UAlbany Shuttle Bus to Liberty

# Breakout Session Outlines:

## **Session 1 Community: Student Governance and Institutional Change**

Survey attendees during registration and ask for specific issues that they face within their graduate student associations and institution. We will be breaking up the attendees into 4 groups and give them scenarios pertinent to their responses.

1. Dealing with difficult people
2. Transition and change
3. High turnover
4. Institutional memory

Each group will create solutions for their scenarios. After, we will come back together and discuss strategies to solve institutional dilemmas.

## **Session 2 Equity: The Intersection of Student Crises**

Survey attendees during registration and ask for specific issues that they face within their graduate student associations and institution. We will be breaking up the attendees into 4 groups (NAGPS values) and give them scenarios pertinent to their responses.

1. Social Justice
2. Employment Concerns
3. International Student Concerns
4. Legislation

Each group will create solutions for their scenarios. After, we will come back together and discuss strategies to solve institutional dilemmas.

## **Session 3 Environmental Stewardship: The Graduate Student's Toolbox for Change**

This breakout session will be the more innovative discussion. We will be breaking up the attendees into groups to discuss various ways to create change on and off campus.

1. Protesting/sit-ins
2. Organizing a group of individuals
3. Rapport with administration
4. Networking to groups on and off campus (public officials, nonprofits)

Each group will create solutions for their scenarios. After, we will come back together and discuss strategies to solve institutional dilemmas.











# Flash Strategic Plan #1:

**Problem to Solve:**

**Targeted Solution:**

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**Goal #1:**

-Action:

-Action:

-Action:

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**Goal #2:**

-Action:

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**Goal #3:**

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# Flash Strategic Plan #2:

**Problem to Solve:**

**Targeted Solution:**

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**Goal #1:**

-Action:

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**Goal #2:**

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**Goal #3:**

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-Action:

# Toolbox:

Simon Sinek's golden circle suggests that we should start with "why" and build out identities as leaders from the inside out. Fill out this worksheet to create a personal toolbox to guide yourself. Don't feel restricted to its format, just consider the suggested questions:

**WHY - What are my core values and guiding philosophies? Why am I doing this? Try choosing six words to answer these questions and writing a brief mission/vision statement like earlier in the program.**

**HOW - How do I, personally, or my organization as a whole accomplish our goals? What leadership styles do I have the strongest access to? How do I interact with people who have different leadership styles? What is the culture of my organization?**

**WHAT - What are my/our goals? What are the issues or concerns we are fighting for/against? What are the core things we want to accomplish and make progress on?**

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