

2026 CSGS Annual Meeting: Baton Rouge		
Wednesday, February 18		
	7:30 to 4:30	Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools (CHBGS) Programming
Atrium	3:00 to 5:30	CSGS Registration
Crowne Plaza Pool Area	6:00 to 8:00	CHBGS / CSGS Joint Reception
Thursday, February 19		
Gym	6:30 to 7:30	Special Session in the Gym: Resilience of Movement with Ryan Hipp and his grad students
Atrium	7:00 to 5:30	CSGS Registration
Premier Ballroom	7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast
Cypress 1	7:30 to 8:30	William “Bill” Carr Breakfast for New Deans and/or Dean Equivalent and Associate Deans – Irene Aiken
Premier Ballroom	8:30 to 9:00	Welcome CSGS
Premier Ballroom	9:00 to 9:25	CGS – Welcome from the New President –Chevelle Newsome
Premier Ballroom	9:30 to 10:30	Plenary I –Robert Kelchen
Cypress 1	9:30 to 10:30	3MT meet and greet
Atrium	10:30 to 10:45	Networking / Coffee Break
Levee/Bayou	10:45 to 11:45	Creating a Culture of Belonging – Jason Craig – Marymount University
Cypress 2	10:45 to 11:45	Facing Challenges with Creativity: A Free, Scalable Curriculum for Graduate STEM Communication – Jill Huerta – UNC Charlotte
Cypress 1	10:45 to 11:45	Rooted for Growth: Establishing Sustainable Graduate Assistantship Policies and Practices – Sharon James McGee – East Tennessee State University
Riverboat/Creole Queen	10:45 to 11:45	Graduate Student Breakout Session
Premier Ballroom	11:45 to 1:00	Lunch – sponsored by ETS
Premier Ballroom	1:15 to 2:30	Plenary II – Mackenzie Wilfong
Levee/Bayou	2:35 to 3:35	Resilience Through Movement: Practical Strategies for Health and Longevity – Ryan Hipp – University of North Georgia
Cypress 2	2:35 to 3:35	Helping Students Navigate Career Ecosystems: Approaches from Two Institutions – Andrea Golato – Texas State University
Cypress 1	2:35 to 3:35	Strengthening Graduate Mentoring Culture: Institutional Models for Advisor/Advisee Compacts and Expectation-Setting – Jeffery Wilson – Virginia Commonwealth University
Riverboat/Creole Queen	2:35 to 3:35	Dare to be Different: Winning the Enrollment Game through Differentiation – Val Fox – EAB
Atrium	3:35 to 3:50	Networking / Coffee Break
Levee/Bayou	3:50 to 5:00	3MT Heat 1
Cypress 2	3:50 to 5:00	3MT Heat 2
Cypress 1	3:50 to 5:00	3MT Heat 3
Riverboat/Creole Queen	3:50 to 5:00	3MT Heat 4
Delta Queen/Mississippi Queen	3:50 to 5:00	3MT Heat 5
Executive Boardroom	5:00 to 5:45	Audit Committee Meeting
The Red Stick	6:00 to 8:00	Reception
Friday, February 20		
Gym	6:30 to 7:30	Special Session in the Gym: Resilience of Movement with Ryan Hipp and his grad students
Atrium	7:00 to 5:30	CSGS Registration
Premier Ballroom	7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast – Sponsored by The Center for Graduate Career Success
Cypress 1	8:30 to 9:30	Thriving in the New Normal: Resilience Strategies for Graduate Students – Aura Young – UNC-Charlotte
Cypress 2	8:30 to 9:30	Leveraging Partnerships and Elevating Advocacy: Lessons Learned from a Graduate Student Experience Survey – Laurence Bray – George Mason University
Levee/Bayou	8:30 to 9:30	Building a Graduate Campus Tour: The Starter Pack – Jessica Zagorski – Louisiana State University
Premier Ballroom	9:35 to 10:35	Plenary III – Lenny Cassuto – Fordham University
Atrium	10:35 to 10:50	Networking/Coffee Break
Cypress 1	10:50 to 11:50	Ecosystems Leadership in Graduate Education: Building Resilient Graduate Communities & Cultures Across Institutional Contexts – Solomon Tention – Morgan State University

Cypress 2	10:50 to 11:50	Capturing the Whole Story: Expanding Metrics [Beyond the Numbers] to Strengthen the Graduate Student Success Ecosystem - Matthew McCullough and Re'Shanda Grace - North Carolina A&T
Levee/Bayou	10:50 to 11:50	Graduate Education at Crossroads - Rajesh Kana - University of Alabama Birmingham
Riverboat/Creole Queen	10:50 to 11:50	Graduate Student Breakout Session
Premier Ballroom	11:50 to 1:15	Awards Ceremony and Luncheon
Premier Ballroom	1:15 to 2:00	Business Meeting and Elections
Premier Ballroom	2:05 to 3:05	Plenary IV - Panel on AI - AI in Graduate Education: Policies, Practices, and Ethics - Debra Stewart, Tom Kelleher, and Veljko Dubljevic
Atrium	3:05 to 3:25	Networking/Coffee Break
Premier Ballroom	3:25 to 4:30	3MT Finals and Adjournment
	After 5:00	Dinner on your own
Executive Boardroom	5:00 to 6:00	Executive Committee Reception - Welcome New Executive Committee Members