

TEAM-UP TOGETHER STUDENT EXPERIENCE CONFERENCE

September 25–27, 2026

Washington, D.C.



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the third annual TEAM-UP Together Student Experience Conference TUTSEC 2026! We are excited to be back in Washington, DC, bringing our community together for a weekend of learning, connection, inspiration, science, and celebration.

TUTSEC was created as a space where students can envision themselves as emerging physics and astronomy professionals, build relationships with one another and with professionals in the field, and gain knowledge and experiences that will help them along their educational and career journeys. It is also a place where faculty and other scientific professionals can connect, share their experiences, and learn from one another.

This year, we are pleased to welcome an outstanding group of speakers who will share their journeys, expertise, and perspectives. We have also added sessions on professionalism in the workplace and recognizing and managing burnout. Our goal is to provide authentic, practical information that students may not always receive in the classroom but is essential as they prepare for their future careers.

Science is also an important part of TUTSEC. During our research poster session, students can share their research, strengthen their science communication skills, and gain experience presenting in a supportive environment that helps prepare them for larger stages and future scientific meetings.

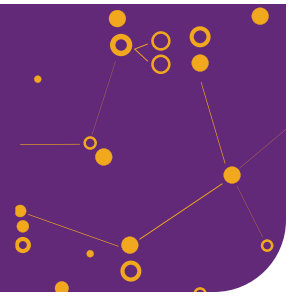
Most importantly, TUTSEC is about community. It is a space built with care where students can see that they belong in physics and astronomy, connect with people invested in their success, and be reminded that they do not have to navigate this journey alone.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the weekend. Ask questions, meet someone new, share your science, and learn from our speakers and from one another. We hope you leave TUTSEC inspired, encouraged, better equipped for what comes next, and with an even stronger sense of your place in our scientific community.

—Arlene Modeste Knowles, Associate Director, TEAM-UP Together



TUTSEC CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE POLICY



TUTSEC CODE OF CONDUCT

The TEAM-UP Together Student Experience Conference (TUTSEC) is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where all participants can learn, engage, and build meaningful professional relationships. To do so, all conference attendees must agree to the following:

1. Read and comply with the [AIP Code of Conduct](#).
2. TUTSEC badges must be worn at all conference events.
3. Comply with all city and federal laws and regulations, including the policies of the Royal Sonesta Capitol Hill.
4. Students are expected to attend all conference sessions, arrive on time, and actively participate. Students attending with an advisor or mentor must check in with them daily.
5. The dress code for TUTSEC is business casual. Participants are expected to follow the dress code policy for all conference events.
6. No Alcohol consumption for anyone under the age of 21 under any circumstances or for any TEAM-UP Together Student at TU-T events.
7. The possession, use, or distribution of illegal or controlled substances is strictly prohibited.
8. Promptly report any incidents of harassment or any inappropriate behavior to a TEAM-UP Together staff member. (Formal complaints to AIP should follow the reporting guidelines in the [AIP Code of Conduct](#))
9. Promptly report any incidents of illness, injury, or safety concerns that occur during the conference to a TEAM-UP Together staff member.
10. Do not photograph, record, or distribute another participant's materials or intellectual property without their verbal and/or written permission.
11. Treat all conference participants and speakers, TEAM-UP Together staff, event personnel, hotel employees, and hotel guests with courtesy, professionalism, and respect.

Failure to adhere to the code of conduct may result in removal from the conference and could affect eligibility for participation in future events.

TUTSEC DRESS CODE POLICY

The Dress Code for TUTSEC is Business Casual Attire. Attendees are encouraged to dress in a professional, yet comfortable manner suitable for a professional conference environment. We ask that participants refrain from wearing clothing displaying offensive/vulgar designs or language, half shirts, shorts, or revealing clothing. TEAM-UP Together reserves the right to request that any attendee not adhering to this policy modify their attire to meet the dress code requirements. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to do so, may be asked to step out of a session or, in some circumstances, leave the conference. Students asked to leave risk losing their eligibility to participate in future event.

CONFERENCE AGENDA



The Royal Sonesta Capitol Hill
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

TIME (EASTERN)	SESSION/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12:00–6:00 PM ET	TUTSEC Registration Light snacks available from 1:00–3:00 PM	Outside of Crown Ballroom
3:30–4:30 PM	Focus Group Interviews–Optional Student Interviews with TU-T Evaluation & Research Teams <i>Jaclyn Tejwani, West Ed</i> <i>Selena Cartznes, West Ed</i> <i>Brittany Chambers, TEAM-UP Together Researcher</i>	Jewel B
5:00–6:00 PM	Welcome Reception - Remarks	Sapphire Room
6:00–9:00 PM	Conference Opening Session & Dinner Opening Plenary (7:20–8:20 PM) <i>Dr. Julianne Pollard-Larkin, UT MD Anderson Career Center</i>	Crown Ballroom
9:00–11:00 PM	Fun activities - Optional - Karaoke Late night snacks available	Sapphire Room
9:00–11:00 PM	Study Lounge	Jewel B

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

TIME (EASTERN)	SESSION/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:00 AM–7:00 PM	Registration	Outside of Crown Ballroom
8:00–9:00 AM	Breakfast (Buffet)	Hallway Outside Crown Ballroom
8:45–9:00 AM	Welcome and Framing of the Day TEAM-UP Together Leadership	Crown Ballroom
9:00–10:00 AM	Morning Plenary “Curiosity Redefines the Limits” <i>Mr. Rodney C. Adkins, Avnet Inc.</i>	Crown Ballroom
10:00–10:15 AM	Coffee Break	Hallway
10:15–11:30 AM	Career Pathways Panel <i>Moderator: Steve Desir, University of Southern California</i> <i>Dr. Lynnae Quick, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab</i> <i>Dr. Tabbetha Dobbins, Rowan University</i> <i>Dr. Thomas Searles, University of Illinois, Chicago</i>	Crown Ballroom
11:30–12:00 PM	GROUP PHOTO & Networking Session	Photo–TBD
12:00–1:45 PM	Lunch (Buffet) - Luncheon Plenary (12:45–1:45 PM) “A Road Less Traveled: The Nonlinear Life of a Public Scientist” <i>Dr. James Dickerson, ASTM International</i>	Lunch- Hallway Crown Ballroom

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - CONTINUED

1:45–3:15 PM	Physics & Astronomy Identity Workshop <i>Dr. Geraldine Cochran, The Ohio State University</i> Discussion facilitated by Dr. Cochran and former TU-T Scholars, Christopher Ezike & Blessing Akinro	Crown Ballroom
3:15–3:30 PM	Break & Poster Setup	West Atrium Gallery (2nd Floor)
3:30–5:00 PM	Poster Session & Table Exhibits	West Atrium Gallery (2nd Floor)
5:00–5:30 PM	Table Exhibits Continued	West Atrium Gallery (2nd Floor)
5:00–6:00 PM	Focus Group Interviews - Optional Student Interviews with TU-T Evaluation & Research Teams <i>Jaclyn Tejwani, West Ed</i> <i>Selena Cartznes, West Ed</i> <i>Brittany Chambers, TEAM-UP Together Researcher</i>	Jewel B
5:00–6:00 PM	Break	
6:00–9:00 PM	Celebratory Dinner (plated) Keynote Speaker (6:45–7:45 PM) <i>Dr. Dakotah Tyler, Astrophysicist & Science Creator</i> Celebration and Acknowledgements	Crown Ballroom
9:00–11:00 PM	Fun activities - Optional - Game Night Late night snacks available	Crown Ballroom
9:00–11:00 PM	Study Lounge	Jewel B

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

TIME (EASTERN)	SESSION/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00–11:00 AM	Hotel Checkout	Front Desk
8:00–9:00 AM	Breakfast (Buffet)	Hallway Outside Crown Ballroom
9:00–10:00 AM	Morning Plenary Professionalism in the Workforce <i>Dr. Millicent Ruffin, Corning Inc.</i>	Crown Ballroom
10:00 –11:30 AM	Student Breakout Sessions Graduate School Panel - Jewel A Room <i>Moderator: Raven Proctor, AIP</i> <i>Jasmine Freeman, University of Georgia</i> <i>Cristopher Thompson, The Ohio State University</i> <i>Dr. Chris Carr, Princeton University</i> <i>Savaria Parrish, University of Alabama, Huntsville</i> Dealing with Burnout Student Discussion - Crown Ballroom Separate Sessions for students and professionals	
10:00–10:45 AM	Session 1 Students Select Grad School or Burnout Session	Jewel A or Crown
10:45–11:30 AM	Session 2 <i>Students Switch to second session</i>	Jewel A or Crown
10:00–11:30 AM	Professionals: Dealing with Burnout	Jewel B
11:30–11:45 AM	Break	Hallway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - CONTINUED

11:45–12:45 PM	Career Opportunities for Physics & Astronomy Majors Panel <i>Moderator: Jovonni Spinner, AIP</i> <i>Dr. Jamie Porter, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab</i> <i>Dr. Kandis Boyd, US Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Mr. Dorian Bohler, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory</i>	Crown Ballroom
12:45–2:15 PM	Lunch (Boxed Lunch) - Closing Plenary (1:15-2:15 PM) <i>Ms. Ayanna Mann, Graduate Student Astronomy, Columbia University & Former TU-T Scholar</i>	Crown Ballroom
2:15–2:45 PM	Conference Closing	Crown Ballroom
TU-T Evaluation Student Interviews to be held in Jewel B at designated times		



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Breaking down the starkest barriers to student success in physics and astronomy to ensure equal opportunity for all.

About Us

TEAM-UP Together is a collective action initiative established by the American Association of Physics Teachers, American Astronomical Society, American Institute of Physics, American Physical Society, and Society of Physics Students to drive systemic change in physics and astronomy.

Our mission is to catalyze structural and cultural change in physics and astronomy to significantly improve graduation outcomes for undergraduates who face the starkest barriers to success in these fields, including a focus on African American students. To maximize our impact, we focus on two main areas, undergraduate students and departmental programs.

Student Programs

Our programs fuel undergraduate student success in physics & astronomy through community building, mentorship, direct funding, and academic & professional development.

MENTORSHIP

Personalized mentorship through the APS National Mentoring Community.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Funded research experiences where undergraduates develop real-world scientific skills-guided by research scientists.

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10k annual scholarships

COMMUNITY BUILDING

A thriving peer and professional network where students belong, collaborate and grow together.

ACADEMIC SKILL BUILDING

Strengthening core academic skills that boost student confidence so they can excel in their programs.

TRAVEL FUNDING

Funding to present at or attend scientific conferences of their choice.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training and workshops to equip students with skills to lead in the physical sciences & beyond.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE CONFERENCE

Annual conference to inspire and educate the next generation of leaders in physics and astronomy through engaging networking sessions, workshops, and research poster presentations.

The TEAM-UP Together Scholarship Program

\$10,000 renewable scholarships to keep undergraduate students engaged in science, thriving, and on track to earn their bachelor's degrees in physics and astronomy.

UNLOCK THESE BENEFITS

- Up to **\$10,000** per year.
- Renewable funding for **ANY educational** expense such as tuition, housing, fees, books, supplies, or equipment.
- Complimentary **Society of Physics Students** membership.
- Access to mentoring, training, professional development, and travel support.
- Become a part of a supportive community of peers and professionals in physics and astronomy.

Learn more at teamuptogether.org.

Departmental Program

Driving systemic change — one department at a time.

We aim to motivate and support departments to address systemic issues and inspire and support tomorrow's physics and astronomy leaders.

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- Funding to implement an/or scale up systemic change initiatives that improve the retention and success of undergraduate students — with a focus on African American students where opportunity gaps exist — as part of their overall student programs.
- Professional development and training opportunities for faculty and other professionals to better support students.
- A community of practice and engagement opportunities to network and learn from the efforts of others.

TUT EXCEL

(TEAM-UP Together Expanding eXpertise, Championing Excellence and Leadership Departmental Grant Program)

Proposals by Invitation Only

The TUT EXCEL grant program invests up to \$200,000 in departments driving change — scaling what works or pioneering new programs so more students, including a focus on African American students, persist, thrive, and graduate with their undergraduate physics or astronomy degree.

Selected departments must demonstrate leadership, deep commitment, and proven success in addressing systemic barriers and improving graduation outcomes.

A key objective of TUT EXCEL is to highlight departmental models of success and excellence that can be replicated or adapted to produce successful outcomes for students across the US.



Join us in shaping the future of physics and astronomy

For more information about TEAM-UP Together efforts and how to get involved, contact us at info@teamuptogether.org.



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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Dakotah Tyler

Science Communicator & Content Creator

Saturday Dinner Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dakotah Tyler is an astrophysicist, science communicator, author, podcast host, and public speaker. He earned his Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics from UCLA, where his research focused on exoplanets and planetary atmospheres.

Before entering astrophysics, Dakotah played college football at the University of Kentucky. After an injury ended his athletic career, he returned to school and began an unconventional path that ultimately led from community college mathematics to a Ph.D. in astrophysics.

Today, he works to make science accessible, engaging, and relevant to broad audiences through digital media, public speaking, education, and podcasting. His science communication work reaches millions across social media. He is also the author of the forthcoming book, *The Universe Playbook: Lessons on Life from the Stars*.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Dr. Julie Pollard-Larkin

Professor of Medical Physics & Service Chief of Thoracic Radiation Physics,
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Opening Plenary



Mr. Rodney Adkins

Chairman of Avnet, Inc, Partner at 3RAM Group LLC, and author of *Curiosity
Redefines the Limits*

Saturday Morning Plenary



Dr. James Dickerson

Director, ASCET Center of Excellence, ASTM International

Saturday Luncheon Plenary



Dr. Millicent Ruffin

Division Vice President, Corning Incorporated

Sunday Morning Plenary



Ayanna Mann

2nd Year PhD Student in Astronomy, Columbia University & Former TU-T Scholar

Closing Plenary

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY IDENTITY SESSION WORKSHOP SPEAKER AND FACILITATORS



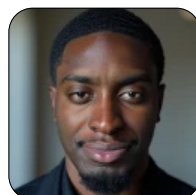
Dr. Geraldine Cochran

Associate Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University



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2024-2025 TU-T Scholar, 2026 B.S. Physics, University of Notre Dame & 7th Grade Science Teacher



Christopher Ezike

2024-2025 TU-T Scholar, 2026 B.S Physics, Lamar University & Physics and Mathematics Educator

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL



Dr. Tabbetha Dobbins

Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor, Physics & Astronomy Department, Rowan University



Dr. Thomas Searles

Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, University of Illinois Chicago & President, National Society of Black Physicists



Dr. Lynnae C. Quick

Sr. Planetary Scientist, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL)



Moderated by Dr. Steve Desir

Assistant Professor of Research in the Pullias Center for Higher Education & Director of Professional Development and Organizational Learning for the Equity in Graduate Education Resource Center, University of Southern California

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJORS PANEL



Mr. Dorian Bohler

Engineering Physicist, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory



Dr. Kandis Boyd

Sr. Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & Business Professor,
American Public University



Dr. Jamie Porter

Group Supervisor for Space Environmental Effects, Johns Hopkins Applied
Physics Lab (APL)



Moderated by Dr. Jovonni Spinner

Career Opportunities and Advancement Officer, AIP

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

GRADUATE SCHOOL PANEL



Jasmine Freeman

2nd Year PhD Student in Quantum Physics, University of Georgia, Former TU-T Scholar



Cristopher Thompson

5th Year PhD Candidate in Physics, The Ohio State University



Dr. Chris Carr

Presidential Fellow & Future Faculty in the Physical Science Fellow, Princeton University



Savaria Parrish

1st Year PhD Student in Astrophysics, University of Alabama, Huntsville, Former TU-T Scholar



Moderated by Raven Proctor

Career Opportunities and Advancement Specialist and TEAM-UP Together Scholarship Administrator

TEAM-UP Together Research Fellowship

Funding Opportunity

TEAM-UP Together is excited to announce the upcoming TEAM-UP Together Undergraduate Research Fellowship (TURF) Program. This is a rare chance to launch your research journey in physics or astronomy.



Get Ready Now:

Applications open early fall for the academic year and late spring for the summer program. Prepare to apply, by **identifying a research mentor** and discussing possible research projects.

You and your mentor will apply together.

This fellowship is designed for students with limited access to research opportunities. Don't miss your chance to get into physics or astronomy research with the support you deserve.

Stay tuned and visit our website (teamuptogether.org) for application details.

What You'll Gain:

- Hands-on research experience with a faculty mentor
- Weekly guidance and career-building skills
- A stipend: \$5,000 per semester or \$8,000 for the summer
- Strengthened preparation for graduate school and STEM careers

Who Should Apply:

- Undergraduate physics or astronomy majors (closely related majors considered)
- Students at U.S. colleges/universities (or recent grads) permanently residing in the U.S.
- Priority: students with no prior research experience and those facing the starkest barriers to success—including African Americans

Applications accepted on a rolling basis until Fellowship funding is exhausted.

If you have any questions about the fellowship, eligibility, or the application process, please contact info@teamuptogether.org



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MEET THE TUTSEC PLANNING COMMITTEE



Lynnae C. Quick, PhD

Sr. Planetary Scientist, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL)



Robert Hilborn, PhD

Retired Associate Executive Officer, AAPT

Research Affiliate, Dept of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park

Amanda and Lisa Cross Professor of Physics, Emeritus, Amherst College



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Kamsi Oduyoye, TEAM-UP Together Community Engagement Coordinator, AIP

MEET THE TEAM-UP TOGETHER STAFF



Jovonni Spinner

Career Opportunity and Advancement Officer, AIP



Arlene Modeste Knowles

Associate Director, TEAM-UP Together AIP



Raven Proctor

Specialist, Office of Career Opportunity and Advancement, and TEAM-UP Together Scholarship Administrator, AIP



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LEAD PARTNER PROGRAM COMMITTEE



The TEAM-UP Together (TUT) Lead Partner Program Committee has representatives from each of the five TUT Lead Partners: American Astronomical Society (AAS), American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), American Institute of Physics (AIP), American Physical Society (APS), and the Society of Physics Students (SPS). This committee carries out the mission and vision of TEAM-UP Together, develops programming, steers operations, and ensures alignment with partner organizations.



Erika Brown

Director of Inclusion and Collaboration, American Physical Society



Rachel Ivie

Director of Higher Education Programs and Grants, American Association of Physics Teachers



Robert Hilborn

Research Associate, University of Maryland, College Park, Amanda and Lisa Cross Professor of Physics (Emeritus), Amherst College, and Associate Executive Officer (Retired), American Association of Physics Teachers



Tom Rice

Director of Education Programs, American Astronomical Society



Kayla Stephens

Associate Director, Society of Physics Students and Student Engagement

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PARTNER ORGANIZATION LEADERS

These leaders of the TU-T partner organization champion the TUT initiative within their organizations and member communities, support the alignment of the program activities to TU-T goals, commit resources to the program, and appoint staff to serve on the Lead Partner Program Committee.



Joel Parriot

Interim Executive Officer, AAS



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Chief Executive Officer, APS



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Chief Executive Officer, AAPT

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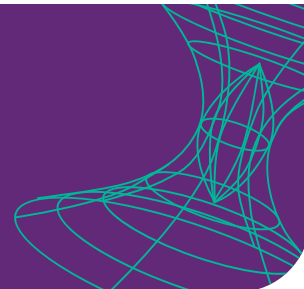
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AIP Deadline: December 1st





AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

We are excited that you are considering an **undergraduate major in astronomy**! As potential astronomers in training, the American Astronomical Society may represent your interests on the national scale and creates workshops, programming, and resources to support the broader community. Below you will find links to helpful resources for beginning your undergraduate journey. Please visit the AAS website (<https://www.aas.org>) to learn more about everything the AAS has to offer.

Why should I major in astronomy?

These resources provide information about the skills and knowledge you will gain through an astronomy major. They also showcase some of the major research topics currently being explored in the field of astronomy — research in which you could be involved, even as an undergraduate!



Scan with your phone camera or click [here](#)!

What can I do with a major in astronomy?



These resources highlight potential jobs, both inside and outside of astronomy, for which your undergraduate degree will prepare you well. Resources include: general information about graduate school in astronomy, timelines for applying for graduate school and nonacademic jobs, and general career advice.

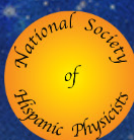
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How can I make the most of my major?

These resources will help you take advantage of all the experiences and opportunities available to undergraduate astronomy majors. Resources include: summer research experience advertisements, opportunities to learn about cutting edge research in accessible ways, tools to improve your science communication, and advice on balancing life and work/study.



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NSBP-NSHP Joint Conference

Beyond Observation: Visionaries Authoring the Universe

November 19-21, 2026
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC

The 2026 NSBP-NSHP Joint Annual Conference will be held in **Raleigh, North Carolina**, at the Raleigh Convention Center on **November 19–21, 2026**. Conference theme: **Beyond Observation: Visionaries Authoring the Universe**. The 2026 NSBP-NSHP Joint Conference will comprise three days of technical seminars, educational sessions, employment exhibitions, interactive networking opportunities, new and existing scholarship and postdoctoral programs, as well as hybrid and virtual career fairs and poster sessions.

Keynote Speakers



Opening Plenary Keynote

Dr. Shirley Malcom

Dr. Shirley Malcom

Senior Advisor to the CEO
and Director of the
SEA Change Initiative at
AAAS

Closing Keynote

Dawnn Lewis

Dawnn Lewis

Performer, Producer, CEO,
NAACP Image Award &
Grammy Award Winner



2026 Student Support Campaign



In 2025, budget cuts slashed student attendance nearly in half — from over 1,000 to 659. Of the students who attended, 72% said they couldn't have been there without financial support. The students who need this conference most are the ones least able to afford it. For many Black physics students, the NSBP conference is the first time they've been in a room full of physicists who look like them. **Support a Visionary and donate today.**

CONFERENCE WEBSITE: [HTTPS://NSBP.ORG/2026CONFERENCE](https://nsbp.org/2026conference)



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