

Spring 2026 CHACU Annual Conference

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**Reimagining Curricula to Shape Healers,
Not Just Practitioners**

**March 25-27, 2026
Orlando, Florida**

Hosted by AdventHealth University



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Welcome

Thank you to all the Consortium of Hospital-Affiliated Colleges and Universities (CHACU) members for your time and support. AdventHealth University is honored to sponsor this year's 2026 Spring CHACU Annual Conference. We hope your time here is filled with meaningful learning and fellowship that will inspire your work for years to come.



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Opening Plenary Session and Dinner

Day 1 : Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | Evening Welcome

Location: Creation Conference Center

6:00 pm – 6:15 pm – Conference Check-In & Networking Reception

6:15 pm – 6:30 pm – Welcome & Opening Remarks

C. Josef Ghosn, EdD, FACHE

President & CEO, AdventHealth University

Monika Bissell, DBA

President, CHACU and Maine College of Health Professions

Nate Brandstater, PhD

Executive Director, CHACU

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Dinner

7:30 pm – 7:50 pm – Opening Keynote Address

Cathy Stankiewicz, DNP, RN, CPHQ

AdventHealth Central Florida Division
Chief Nursing Officer

7:50 pm – Closing Remarks

Monika Bissell

President, CHACU and Maine College of Health Professions

Nate Brandstater

Executive Director, CHACU

Day 2: Thursday, March 26, 2026 | Full Conference Day

Location: Creation Rooms Conference Center

7:45 am – 8:15 am – Coffee, Conference Registration & Networking

8:15 am – 8:30 am - Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Monika Bissell

President, CHACU and Maine College of Health Professions

Nate Brandstater

Executive Director, CHACU

8:30 am – 9:05 am - Opening Keynote Address

Abel Biri, MBA

CEO, AdventHealth Orlando

9:05 am – 9:15 am – Concurrent Session Instructions

Nate Brandstater

Executive Director, CHACU

9:15 am – 9:30 am – Break

9:30 am – 10:10 am – Concurrent Breakout Sessions I

Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Guiding Themes:

Character and Compassion: Integrating Whole-Person Development – Body, Mind and Spirit

Whole-Person Education: Linking Mind, Body, and Spirit in Health Care Training

Mission in Practice: Institutional Initiatives That Embody Mission in Contemporary Health Care

Community and Belonging: Creating Inclusive Environments of Care, Learning and Support

Innovation and Transformation: Reimagining Pedagogy, Technology and Curricula to Sustain Compassionate Practice

Leadership Formation: Mentorship and Reflective Practice in Developing Health Care Leaders

Building Bridges: Creating Symbiotic Relationships Between Hospitals and Hospital-Affiliated Institutions

(Mission in Practice)

Location: Creation Conference Center Room B

Andreia Nebel | EdD, PT, DPT, FNAP

President/CEO, Associate Professor of
Clarkson College

Eric Riley | EdD, MBA, SPHR

Nebraska Medicine Senior Peoples Strategy
Partner, Adjunct Faculty

Recognition That Resonates: Discovering Meaningful Recognition in Higher Education

(Community and Belonging)

Location: Creation Room C

Vicki Bautista | EdD, NBC-HWC

Program Director, Healthcare Leadership &
Business of Clarkson College

Gretchen Oltman | JD, PhD

Program Director, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership,
Associate Professor, Creighton University

10:15 am – 10:55 am – Concurrent Breakout Sessions II Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Healing the Healers (HTH) A Holistic and Preventative Approach to Promoting Mental Health and Wellness in the Nursing Profession

(Mission in Practice)

Location: Creation Room B

Michele Maas | LPCC-S

President and Founder of Another Act of Kindness
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisor,
Collaborator with Kent State University

Jonathan Maas

Another Act of Kindness

Investigating the Integration of Whole Person Education in Graduate Programs at AdventHealth University

(Whole-Person Education & Innovation and Transformation)

Location: Creation Room B

Elizabeth Clark | PT, DPT, EdD, NCS, RYT 200

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Professor, Department Chair, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at AdventHealth University

AHU DPT Students – Will Deiss, Julia Popov, Elvis Rodriguez

Karen Benn Marshall | EdD, MS

Provost, Senior Vice President, Academic Administration, AdventHealth University

11:00 am – 11:40 am - Concurrent Breakout Sessions III

Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Leading the Way in Online Nursing

(Whole-Person Education)

Location: Creation Room B

Jennifer Clark | DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

AHU Graduate Nursing Clinical Director, Associate Professor of Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, AdventHealth University

Aixa Catala-Beauchamp | DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

AHU Associate Professor of Nursing, AdventHealth Medical Group APP Pediatric Hospitalist, AdventHealth University

Lynelle Callender | DNP, RN, INS, PHN, MPH, C

AHU Assistant Dean – RN-BSN, MSN, DNP, Graduate Nursing Certification, and Post-Graduate Nursing Certification Programs, AdventHealth University

**Scaffolding Mission, Vision and Values Through
Competency-Based Education: An Ethics-Infused
Model for Whole-Student Formation**

(Whole-Person Education & Innovation and Transformation)

Location: Creation Room C

Mary McNamara | DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP

Provost and Chief Academic Officer at OSF

Colleges of Nursing

Charlene Aaron | PhD, RN

President of OSF Colleges of Nursing

**11:45 AM – 1:30 PM – Working Lunch in
Professional Groups | Location: Creation Room
Conference Center**

Creation Room Conference D

Presidents Business Meeting | Chief Academic Officers
Meeting | Chief Financial Officers Meeting

Creation Room Conference E

Faculty Priorities and Scholarship | Enrollment and
Retention Office Personnel | Support Services Personnel

1:30 PM– 2:10 PM – Concurrent Breakout Sessions IV |

Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Beyond Competence: Embedding Health Literacy into Health Care Education

(Whole Person Education & Innovation and Transformation)

Location: Creation Room B

Jessica Daly | MLS

Health Literacy Coordinator, Assistant Professor,
AdventHealth University

Cultural Connection: The Difference Between Graduation or Not

(Community and Belonging)

Location: Creation Room C

Danna Voorhes Swartz | MA

Instructor, General Education Department at Clarkson College

2:15 PM– 2:55 PM - Concurrent Breakout Sessions V |

Location: Creation Room Conference Center

A Common Course for Whole Person Care: Enhancing Philosophy of Health Care through Coaching and Whole Person Education

(Innovation and Transformation)

Location: Creation Room B

Erica Caton | PhD

Executive Director of Learning Innovation & Faculty Excellence
AdventHealth University

Janis L. Lowry | MA

Course Manager, Philosophy of
Healthcare AdventHealth University

Heather Ferguson | PhD

Associate Provost, Undergraduate and Graduate Education
AdventHealth University

Elizabeth Hernandez | MS

Director of Student Academic Support Services
AdventHealth University

Josh Garrido | MEd

Dean of Students
AdventHealth University

Oleg Kostyuk | PhD

Assistant to the President for Mission, Assistant
Professor of Religion AdventHealth University

From Whole Person Care to Whole Person Management: Aligning Whole Person Education with the Leadership Practices Graduates Encounter

(Whole Person Education)

Location: Creation Room C

Julian Torreblanca | PhD

Business Research Professor
AdventHealth University

Nicolas Quaranta | MBA

Academic Secretary
River Plate Adventist University (in absentia)

2:55 PM– 3:10 PM – Break

3:10 PM – 3:20 PM - Closing Remarks & Evening Event
Instructions | Location: Werner Auditorium

Nate Brandstater | Executive Director, CHACU

3:30 PM– 4:30 PM- CHACU Business Meeting and
Professional Group Meetings (**Members Only**)
Location: Creation Room Conference Center D-E

6:00 PM– 8:00 PM - Dinner Reception | **Location:**
Orlando Science Center

Special Presentation by AHU Students:

Liani Brown, Jaun Nartatez, Michel Andrews, Julia Martins Teixeira,
Isaiah Jean-Louis, Nathan Vidal, and Britney Jean Charles

Day 3 – Friday, March 27, 2026 | Half Day – Ends at 12:00 PM

Location: AdventHealth University, Graduate Building 116 A-B

8:30 am – 8:45 am - Coffee & Networking

8:45 am – 9:00 am – Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Monika Bissell | President, CHACU and Maine
College of Health Professions

9:00 am – 9:35 am - Closing Keynote Address

Randy Haffner, PhD

Group President and CEO of AdventHealth Florida and
Clinical

9:35 am – 9:45 am – Q & A

9:45 am – 10:45 am – Campus Tour

10:45 am – 11:15 am – Closing Remarks

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Monika Bissell | President, CHACU and Maine College of Health
Professions

Nate Brandstater | Executive Director, CHACU

11:15 am – 11:30 am – Lunch Box

Pickup 11:30 am – Conference

Adjourns

After the conference, you will receive an email containing an evaluation. Upon completion of the evaluation, you will receive your Certificate of Completion and Associated CEUs.



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