



NACUFS 2026
Spring Conference

MARCH 18 - 20

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

We are thrilled to welcome you to **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown** for the **NACUFS 2026 Spring Conference**, taking place March 18–20! The energy is building, and we're excited to gather in the heart of Philadelphia for a few days of connection, inspiration, and shared learning.

Action Requested: Download the Mobile App & Register for Field Trips



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Step 1: Download the Conference Mobile App

Search **NACUFS 2026 Spring Conferences** in your Apple or Google Play store to download. Select the conference you are registered for and use the email address linked to your conference registration to login. You can create and manage your schedule, view sessions and networking opportunities, sponsor, and exhibitor listings, and stay up to date on the latest NACUFS happenings.

Step 2: Sign Up for a Field Trip Experience

New this year at the **NACUFS 2026 Spring Conference**, curated field trip experiences let you explore the host city while gaining behind-the-scenes insights into local culinary and campus dining operations. Each trip offers learning opportunities, innovative best practices, and time to network with peers.

How to sign up:

1. Open the **mobile app** and tap the **Agenda** icon.
2. Select **"My Schedule"** to view your assigned sessions.
3. Review the **Field Trip options** and add the one you'd like to attend.

Field Trip Locations:

- Temple University
- The Common Market
- University of Pennsylvania
- Drexel University and Saxby's

- La Colombe
- Campbell's

Details for each experience are available in the mobile app or [learn more here](#). **Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot!**

Before You Leave Home

A few quick reminders to ensure you're fully prepared for an exceptional conference experience:

Attire: Business casual is recommended. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for walking, especially during field trips.

Weather: March in Philadelphia can be chilly — and possibly rainy. Pack layers and don't forget your umbrella!



Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

1201 Market St.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Guest entrance: 1200 Filbert St.

Parking Information

Limited onsite parking is available during special events and weekends.

Garage height clearance: 6'8"

Valet Parking

Daily: \$71.66

Oversized Vehicles: \$85.44

Opening Event

Kick off the conference on Wednesday, March 18, from 6–8 p.m. at the National Constitution Center. Enjoy sweeping views of historic Philadelphia from the Kenneth C. Griffin Great Hall Overlook and explore Signers' Hall with its life-size statues of the Founding Fathers. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new peers, and set the tone for the conference.

***Please note:** If you've attended NACUFS events in the past, this year's schedule is a bit different—there will not be a closing event, so be sure to join us for this opening gathering.*

Transportation

Provided for attendees traveling to the Opening Event at the National Constitution Center, as well as for those participating in conference field trips around the city. Additional details, including pick-up locations and timing, will be shared closer to the conference in the mobile app.

Conference Registration – 5th Floor // Reg Desk 2

Stop by to pick up your welcome bag and name badge. Badges must be worn at all conference events.

Hours:

Wednesday, March 18 | 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 19 | 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20 | 7:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conference Agenda

Get Involved

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in contributing? We'll be sending out a volunteer sign up prior to the conference. Keep an eye out for ways to get involved onsite!

Showcase Preview

Take time before you arrive to explore participating NACUFS exhibitors and plan your Showcase experience in advance. Check out the [show floor](#) ahead of time to see where all the vendors are located!

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia for a dynamic and memorable few days together!

If you need to reach someone before or during your travels or while onsite, please contact:

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Best Regards,

The NACUFS Events Team