



2025 NEOCA Annual Conference Agenda

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Saturday, September 6, 2025
10:00 am (CST) *11:00 (EST) *9:00 (MST) *8:00 (PST)

Note: This Is A Tentative Agenda, And The Order/Activities Are Subject To Change.

Breakfast on your own

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| 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:45 am | Virtual Conference Room Opens/Mix and Mingle |
| 10:00 am | Introductions and Opening Remarks
Presenter: Matthew Donovan, NEOCA President |
| 10:10 am | Keynote Speaker
Presenter: Dr. Arnold Mitchem, COE President Emeritus |
| 11:20 am | Roundtable Discussion
Presenter: Rico Drakes & Melody Lawrence |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch On Your Own – Paid for by NEOCA |
| 2:15 pm | Department of Education Update
Presenter: TBD |
| 2:45 pm | NEOCA Awards Presentation
Presenter: Ashley Childs, NEOCA Vice-President |
| 3:00 pm | NEOCA Business Meeting
Presenter: Matthew Donovan, NEOCA President |
| 3:30 pm | Scholarship Presentation
Presenter: Ashley Childs, NEOCA Vice-President |
| 4:00 pm | COE Update
Presenter: Council for Opportunity in Education Representatives |
| 4:30 pm | Closing Remarks
Presenter: Matthew Donovan, NEOCA President |