



2026 CCA Annual Conference – Tentative Schedule (Revised April 6,2026)

Day	Time	Session / Event	Presentation Type	Description
Sunday	12:00pm	Vendor Setup	Vendor Area	Vendor tables will be available for setup
		Opening Session and Keynote	Opening	
Sunday	4:00-6:30	Speaker: Laura Ullrich	Session and Reception	Reading the Labor Market: Data-Backed Trends Shaping Jobs, Skills, and Student Success
Monday	8:30- 8:45	PTK and CCA Updates	General	PTK and Community Colleges of Appalachia Updates
Monday	8:50-9:25	CCAC Proposal 2026-Designing Clear Employer-Aligned	General	Designing Clear, Employer-Aligned Routes to Impactful Careers: Reimagining Workforce Development Through Employer Aligned and Learner Centered Design Models
Monday	9:35-10:10	ABTech Workforce LaunchPad In Action	General	Workforce Launchpad in Action: Creating Bilingual IET Pathways to High-Demand Careers
Monday	10:20-10:55	Pellissippi Pathways	Concurrent	Pellissippi Pathways: A Career Immersion Guided Pathways Model
Monday	10:20-10:55	Pierpont Career-Ready by Design	Concurrent	Career-Ready by Design: Credentials Driving Appalachia's Workforce
Monday	10:20-10:55	Several Colleges Building Trust	Concurrent	Building Trust to Build Persistence: Success Coaching in Appalachian Community Colleges
Monday	11:05-11:40	SW Virginia Aligning Credential Obtainment	Concurrent	Aligning Credential Obtainment through Blended Classes
Monday	11:05-11:40	MECC This Is Our Moment	Concurrent	This Is Our Moment: Workforce Education at the Turning Point
Monday	11:50-12:25	Belk Center and Isothermal CC Accelerating the Path	Concurrent	Accelerating the Path: How Compressed Scheduling Drives Success in Appalachia
Monday	11:50-12:25	WVUP From Plant Floor Proposal	Concurrent	From Plant Floor to Degree Pathway: A Credit-Based Incumbent Worker Model with Chemours



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Monday	12:30-1:35	Lunch	Food and Beverage	Lunch
Monday	1:50-2:25	Alfred State Strategies for Youth	Concurrent	Strategies for Youth Engagement That Builds Partnerships
Monday	1:50-2:25	MGCC The Community Career Center	Concurrent	The Community Career Center: a Flexible Blueprint for Appalachian Career Services Innovation
Monday	2:35- 3:10	NACCE Customized Training	Concurrent	Customized training, economic development for the community and new revenue for the college.
Monday	2:35- 3:10	Mountain Gateway	Concurrent	Fulbright Scholars and Community Colleges of Appalachia.
Monday	3:20-3:55	TCTC - Expanding Apprenticeship Training	Concurrent	Expanding Apprenticeship Training: From Entry-Level Skills to High Value Associates
Monday	3:20-3:55	MG and Pellissippi Proposal Student Funding	Concurrent	From Promise to Persistence: Building a Layered Student Support Funding Model
Monday	4:00- 5:30	Reception and Networking	Food and Beverage	Reception and Networking
Monday	5:30	Explore Asheville on Your Own		Explore Asheville
Tuesday	8:30-9:10	CCBC Titan Pathways to Success	General	Titan Pathways to Success
Tuesday	9:20-9:55	TCTC Expanding Nursing Pathways	Concurrent	Expanding Nursing Pathways Through Philanthropy, Partnership, and Program Innovation: How TCTC Is Building Clear Routes to Careers and Community Impact
Tuesday	9:20-9:55	NCyTE Bridging Potential to Purpose	Concurrent	Bridging Potential to Purpose: Designing Clear Pathways for Lifelong Impact
Tuesday	10:05-10:40	ABTech Proposal Behavioral Health Workforce	Concurrent	From Policy to Pathways: Leveraging North Carolina’s New Qualified Professional Legislation to Build Behavioral Health Workforce



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Tuesday	10:05-10:40	Alfred State Implementing Cybersecurity Competitions	Concurrent	Implementing Cybersecurity Competitions for Student Engagement, Recruitment and Retention
Tuesday	10:40-11:00	Hotel Check-out		Hotel Check-out
Tuesday	11:00-12:00	Awards Luncheon	General/Food and Beverage	Awards Luncheon
	12:00	Conference Conclusion		