



We Are the Champions: Making Plays for Transfer Success

Presented by the SOCHE Articulation Council

Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. ET | via Zoom

Event Program:

8:15 a.m. ET	Meeting link opens
8:30 a.m. ET	Guided Coffee Chat Grab your favorite beverage and join us for discussion about campus National Transfer Student Week activities before the conference formally begins.
8:40 a.m. ET	Opening and Welcome <i>Conference Host:</i> Rachel Fulton , University of Cincinnati
8:45 a.m. ET	ODHE's Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Updates + Q&A <i>Presenters:</i> Dr. Paula Compton , Dr. Candice Grant , Jared Shank , Jessi Hart , and Brittany Kim, OATN
9:45 a.m. ET	<i>BREAK: Pet Parade – share your pet with the group (in person or a photo)</i>
10:00 a.m. ET	KEYNOTE – Transfer Playbook 2.0: Strengthening Pathways to Bachelor's Degree Attainment This keynote introduces Transfer Playbook 2.0, a new guide from the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Community College Research Center that highlights three evidence-based strategies used by high-performing partnerships to improve transfer outcomes: clarifying pathways, building cross-institution relationships, and engaging faculty in both instruction and advising. The session will connect these strategies to key priorities in Ohio, including statewide guaranteed pathways, advisor and faculty collaboration, and effective faculty engagement. <i>Presenter:</i> Bernard Huggins , The Aspen Institute
10:45 a.m. ET	<i>BREAK: Take a true bio break while attendees are moved to concurrent breakout rooms</i>
11:00 a.m. ET	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (choose one at registration) • Session 1 – A Tough Nut to Crack: Creating Student Success through Transfer for Business In this presentation, we'll examine how the creation of the OGTP for business transformed the transfer process in this major between Columbus State Community College and Ohio State University -- for both students and staff. <i>Presenters:</i> Mary Whitt, Columbus State Community College, and Trish Jefferson, Ohio State University <i>Facilitator:</i> Rachel Fulton, University of Cincinnati

	• Session 2 – Colleague-to-Colleague: Relationship Management The relationships between college partners plays a critical role for a positive student transfer experience. Through a lens of relationship management, participants will identify common challenges and learn strategies to enhance collaboration, clarify expectations and improve institutional alignments. No matter what your role is in serving students, this session will explore tools to elevate your partnerships and keep students at the center of cross-institutional work. Presenters: Rachelle Dancy, Wright State University, and Peggy Chalker, Southern State Community College • Session 3 – Facilitated Discussion: Faculty as Transfer Champions Faculty play a pivotal role in transfer student success, yet they're often left out of the strategy huddle. This facilitated discussion will explore how faculty can become powerful allies in advancing equitable transfer pathways—from designing transfer-friendly curriculum to supporting articulation and advocating for inclusive policies. Join colleagues from across disciplines to share wins, tackle challenges, and crowdsource actionable plays that empower faculty to be true champions for transfer students. Whether you're a faculty member, administrator, or transfer advocate, come ready to collaborate and leave with practical ideas to bring back to your campus. Facilitator: Dr. Marianne Cotugno, Miami University Panelists: Donna Evans, Miami University; Dr. Tom Mays, Miami University; Jenny McDermott, Sinclair College; Dr. Kelly Renner, Franklin University; and Dr. Mary Wells, Sinclair College
11:45 a.m. ET	BREAK: Chair Yoga with Dr. Candice Grant, OATN
12:00 p.m. ET	PANEL – Student Voices: The Transfer Experience Transfer students bring diverse backgrounds, strengths, and challenges that can deeply enrich a campus, but their transition often comes with unique hurdles. This panel will feature recorded segments from current and former transfer students sharing firsthand experiences about what helped and hindered their success. Transfer staff from regional institutions will then provide responses and share their expertise. Moderator: Kimberly Collins , Sinclair College Panelists: Dr. Peggy Chalker , Southern State Community College; Rachelle Dancy , Wright State University; Christina Grote , University of Cincinnati; Yolanda Hart , Miami University Regionals; Melissa Ward , Sinclair College.
12:45 p.m. ET	Closing Comments Conference Host: Rachel Fulton , University of Cincinnati