

**2025 ACHS Centennial & Annual Conference Schedule**  
**Hotel Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri**  
**Jan. 30 to Feb. 1**

*All conference sessions will occur on the 3rd floor of the Hotel Kansas City.*

**Thursday, Jan. 30**

- 12:00 pm **Conference Check-in** (ends at 6 pm) **3rd Floor Foyer**  
*Drop by to meet some of the new ACHS administrative team and to get your name badge and welcome goodies!*
- 2:30 pm **Conference Welcome** **President's Ballroom**  
*Join us as we welcome ACHS colleagues, both old and new, to our centennial year conference! Be ready for a game designed to help us network this week and throughout the year. Yes, there will be a prize or two!*
- 3:00 pm **The Dorothy Mitstifer Keynote Lecture: What's Next: A History-Informed Future** **President's Ballroom**  
*Dr. Michele D. Smith, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City*
- 4:00 pm **Trend Mapping—Navigating the Future of Honor Societies** **President's Ballroom**  
*Eileen Merberg, Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director*  
*Let's learn from the past as we shape the future. We'll collaboratively analyze key trends in honor societies, discuss their implications, and share actionable ideas for navigating the future.*
- 5:00 pm **Evening Reception Sponsored by Visit Kansas City!** **The Library Room**  
*Please join Visit Kansas City and our other wonderful partners and exhibitors in "Partner Central" for drinks and hors d'oeuvres before heading out for the evening.*

6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

**Friday, Jan. 31**

**Conference Central (7 am - 6 pm) 3rd Floor Foyer**

**Partner Central (8:30 am - 12 pm and 1:30 - 6:30 pm) The Library Room**

- 7:30 am **Continental Breakfast for all Attendees** **President's Ballroom**
- 8:00 am **Breakfast Discussion Groups** **President's Ballroom**  
*Introduced by Steve Loflin (NSCS) and Kim Switzer (Sigma Lambda Chi), you won't want to miss two rounds of our favored roundtables with topics such as Advisor Success, Enrollment Trends, Fundraising & Non-Dues Revenue, International Chapters, Member Benefits, and Social Media.*
- 9:30 am **ACHS 101** **President's Ballroom**  
*Society membership in ACHS is more important than ever. Join Eileen Merberg (Alpha Lambda Delta) and Lara Noah (Alpha Chi) for a brief history of honor societies, how ACHS came about, and an overview of the resources and benefits ACHS membership provides you and your honor society.*
- 10:30 am **What's New in Artificial Intelligence** **President's Ballroom**  
*Mr. Khánh Vũ, CEO of the Society of Asian Scientists*
- 11:30 am **2-hour Break for Lunch**

Enjoy our host city by checking out the nearby dining options.

- 1:30 pm **Visit Partner Central** (with coffee bar) **The Library Room**
- 2:00 pm **Building an Integrated Life** **President's Ballroom**  
*Dr. Thomas Vansaghi, Associate Professor of Nonprofit Leadership, William Jewell College*
- 3:00 pm **ACHS Committees Speed-Greet** **President's Ballroom**  
*Grab a seat and let our wonderful committee chairs take turns visiting your table to share a little about what their committees do and just how important our committee structure is to the mission of ACHS.*
- 4:00 pm **ACHS Council Meeting** **President's Ballroom**  
*Everyone is encouraged to attend the Council Meeting, especially if you are your society's voting representative. Voting for new board leadership and discussing proposed amendments to the Bylaws happens here.*
- 5:30 pm **Stamp Your Passport Exhibitor Reception** **The Library Room**  
*Join us to decompress and enjoy visiting with our wonderful partners and conference supporters. Remember, your fully signed "passport" will be your Saturday door prize entry for prizes.*
- 6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

### Saturday, Feb. 1

- 7:30 am **Continental Breakfast for all Attendees** **President's Ballroom**  
*Join us for breakfast, networking, and spontaneous discussion. If you have something special you'd like to discuss, feel free to claim a table and put up your own table sign.*
- 9:00 am **Governance Highs & Lows** **President's Ballroom**  
*In a panel discussion moderated by Curt Gomulinski (Tau Beta Pi), society leaders will discuss a variety of issues surrounding society and board governance. Panelists: Vinnie Birkenmeyer (Lambda Sigma), Marianne Fallon (Psi Chi), Melissa Martin (Phi Upsilon Omicron), Eileen Merberg (Alpha Lambda Delta), and Lara Noah (Alpha Chi).*
- 10:00 am **Reviving Recruitment in the Post-Pandemic Era** **President's Ballroom**  
*Dr. Alan Grant, Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor and Professor of Business and Economics, Baker University*
- 11:00 am **ACHS Council Business Meeting** **President's Ballroom**  
*This will be the time for any unfinished Council business from Friday and for greeting the newly elected officers to the ACHS Board of Directors. We'll also hold the drawings for our Partner Passport prizes! Please clear the ballroom quickly at the end so that hotel staff may start setting up for the luncheon.*
- 11:45 am **Intermission** **Hotel Lobby**  
*Grab a drink in the lobby and say your goodbyes. If you need to check out of the hotel today, you can do so at this time. Feel free to bring your luggage with you to the luncheon if needed for a quick departure afterward.*
- 1:00 pm **ACHS Centennial Anniversary Luncheon** (1 - 2:30 pm) **President's Ballroom**  
*Come celebrate 100 years of ACHS with a beautiful lunch and a special gift\*—followed by a memorable discussion with Mollie Brown (Alpha Kappa Mu), Jim Froula (Tau Beta Pi), and Jane Hamblin (Mortar Board), ACHS leaders from the last few decades. We'll conclude with a formal toast to the past and future of ACHS!*

\*Our appreciation goes to Award Concepts for co-funding and creating our centennial keepsake.