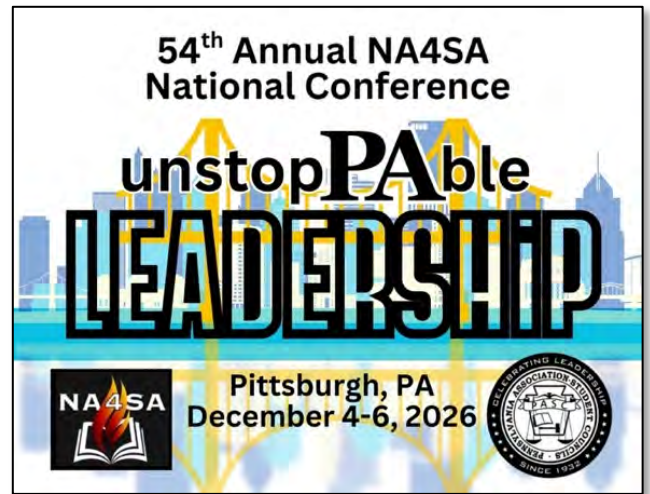


2026 NA4SA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Marriott Pittsburgh Airport
Pittsburgh, PA
December 4 to 6, 2026



CONFERENCE STRANDS & WORKSHOP TOPICS

The 2026 NA4SA National Conference will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** on December 4 to 6, 2026. This year's conference theme is **"UnstopPAble Leadership"**, and the focus of the conference will be to prepare all attendees for the road ahead as they prepare for the challenges of today and tomorrow as Advisors, Administrators, Advocates, and Allies of Student Activities. Never before have Student Activities been more important to ensure that the next generation of leaders – our current students – becomes "the heart and soul" of our schools today and is prepared to provide the outstanding leadership our nation will need in the coming decades.

An essential element of the NA4SA National Conference is the provision of over twenty-five engaging, empowering, and cutting-edge **Breakout Workshops** that are presented by leadership experts – like many of YOU – from around the nation. We encourage ALL potential attendees of our NA4SA National Conference to consider presenting during one of the FOUR 45-minute Breakout Workshop blocks that are part of the program on Saturday December 5 (see page 3 of this issue for a tentative schedule).

Our 2026 Workshop Presenter application will be FULLY ONLINE through Google Forms. A link to this form will be in the next (May 2026) edition of *A Parade of Ideas* and posted on the NA4SA National Conference page of our website at <https://NA4SA.org/ncsa/next>. The deadline for submission of all Workshop Presenter Applications will be **October 15, 2026** – but we encourage you to complete and submit your application as soon as possible! In keeping with our theme of "UnstopPAble Leadership", the Workshop Strands for the conference and sample topic ideas are as follows:

BRIDGING THE GAP – Making Connections



Possible topics might include:

- Communicating with administration, staff, and students
- Connecting the community through outreach
- Working with other clubs and organization within the school
- Utilizing organizations outside your school
- Expanding opportunities for student involvement and leadership
- Engaging beyond the campus by connecting parents, community, and peers
- Marketing activity programs to the student body, faculty, and community

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand!

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR – Promoting Inclusivity



Possible topics might include:

- Connecting with the student body ensuring a feeling of belonging
- Promoting and celebrating diversity
- Practicing advocacy and active support
- Navigating differences with empathy and compassion
- Strategies to encourage ALL student ideas and engagement
- Understanding diverse perspectives and leading with compassion
- Utilizing student voice effectively for positive change

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand!

INCLINED TO LEAD – Rising Beyond Limits



Possible topics might include:

- Finding the courage to take risks
- Turning setbacks into stepping stones
- Empowering others through service
- Setting goals and expectations
- Turning strategic planning into tangible results
- Improving club/activity/chapter structure and event planning for increased engagement
- Training and team building for officers and organization members

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand!

TEMPERED LIKE STEEL – Ensuring Self-Care for the Strong



Possible topics might include:

- Understanding and managing emotions and stress
- Protecting time, energy, and priorities
- Cultivating healthy coping strategies that restore strength and clarity
- Taking time for mindfulness and reflection
- Increasing advisor retention through resources, mentoring, and encouragement
- Fostering student mental health and awareness
- Working smarter, not harder, as a Student Activity Professional

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand!

Once again, we encourage all Student Activity Professionals who will be attending our 2026 NA4SA National Conference this December to consider applying to present a **Breakout Workshop**. We welcome applications from experienced presenters as well as those of you who have new ideas, programs, and perspectives to share. All of our attendees will benefit from a wide variety of Breakout Workshop opportunities for which the conference strands above provide a sound structural framework.

Don't forget that we'll also be seeking a good number of presenters for **Table Talks**, the roundtable sharing segment of our National Conference. Once again, by popular demand, we will have TWO Table Talks Sessions – we will share more information about applying to become a Table Talks presenter in the next issue of *A Parade of Ideas*.

Be sure to watch for links to the online Breakout Workshop and Table Talks presenter applications in next month's edition of *A Parade of Ideas* and to regularly visit our NA4SA National Conference page at <https://NA4SA.org/nca/next> for these and many other updates as planning continues for "UnstopPAbly Leadership" in Pittsburgh!