



Fall 2025 ACS VPSL/DOS Gathering

November 12-14, 2025

Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

Register for the meeting [here](#).

Hotel options: We have selected two different hotels. Both are 0.2 miles from campus and a short walk to our meeting location. Attendees are responsible for booking and covering their own hotel room and incidentals.

- [Alfond Inn](#) at Rollins, 300 East New England Ave., 407-998-8090
 - Rollins rate is \$269/night.
 - [Reservation link](#): To book, select dates & click “special codes or rates.”
 - Select GROUP CODE in the drop-down box and enter the code RDSA1125.
 - Cutoff date: September 29, 2025
- [Park Plaza Hotel](#), 307 South Park Ave., (407) 647-1072
 - Rollins rate is \$169 for non-balcony rooms and \$229 for King Balcony Suites.
 - Call to make a reservation. Ask for the “Rollins ACS conference rate.”
 - Individual reservations have up to one day prior to arrival to cancel with no penalty.

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Campus & Parking Information: An interactive campus map is available [here](#). Attendees who are driving should plan to park in the Truist parking garage, 131 E Comstock Ave, a few blocks from campus and hotels.

Transportation: Rideshares are available to and from the airport and can be coordinated independently. A complimentary shuttle to MCO airport will be available after the gathering concludes on Friday.

Wifi Information: Guest WiFi (Rollins-Guest)

Meeting Objectives:

- Share challenges and opportunities affecting student life leadership in private higher education
- Elevate successful strategies, models, and programs within ACS for the benefit of all member schools
- Identify areas of alignment and further collaboration to advance student life leadership across ACS

AGENDA

Time	Session Details	Location
Wednesday, November 12, 2025		
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Welcome – Donna Lee, Vice President for Student Affairs, & Leon Hayner, AVP & Dean of Students	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
2:15 – 3:30 PM	Opening Roundtable All attending institutions present summary reports, ~5 min each (including freshman and overall enrollments, past year's major achievements, and anticipated major issues – what's giving you hope and what's keeping you up at night?) <i>Confidentiality is presumed when institutions make reports</i>	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
3:30 – 3:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Discussion #1: FYE & General Education: Trends, Challenges, and Collaborative Opportunities Special Guest: Micki Meyer, AVP for Student Affairs and Engagement & Dean of Rollins Gateway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are campuses revisiting, revising, or expanding First Year Experience programs? How are we addressing generational and demographic shifts in first-year classes? How do these efforts align with updates to the general education curriculum or changes to advising systems? Tour of Kathleen W. Rollins Hall (home to the Rollins Gateway & integrated High Impact Practices) 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Generate Poll Questions	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Welcome Dinner: Pannullos is Italian fare and within walking distance from campus and the hotels; Dinner sponsored by Rollins (Alcohol on individual tabs)	Pannullos
Thursday, November 13, 2025		
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 – 9:20 AM	ACS Updates – Anna Drake Warshaw, President, ACS	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
9:20 – 9:50 AM	Welcome and Remarks from President Brooke Barnett	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
9:50 – 10:00 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Discussion Topic #2: AI and the Student Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is AI showing up in ACS classrooms, and how is it affecting honor councils and ethical issues? 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center

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 • Rhodes College • Rollins College • Sewanee: The University of the South • Southwestern University • Spelman College • Trinity University
 • University of Richmond • Washington and Lee University

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is AI affecting the co-curricular experience? • How are Student Life teams using AI? 	
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Polls	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Discussion #3: Retention Issues & Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are campuses' KPIs and trends? • What data systems, tools, and collaborative processes are campuses using to drive progress? • How are campuses supporting retention and success for transfer students? • How are Student Life divisions working with Enrollment colleagues? What cross-functional challenges exist? How can we promote greater collaboration and alignment? 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch and break as needed	Dining Hall
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Campus Tour with SGA President & Vice President	
3:00PM – 4:45 PM	Discussion #4: Deliberative Dialogue Programs, Interfaith Discourse, & Spiritual Care in the Midst of Geopolitical Conflict <i>Special Guests: Dorrell Briscoe, Dean, Religious & Spiritual Life; Marjorie Trueblood, Dean, Student Center for Community & Connection; Meredith Hein, Director, Center for Leadership and Community Engagement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are we cultivating space and skills for civil discourse in our hyper-politicized environment? What is working, what is most challenging, and what are we learning? • How are campuses navigating and anticipating impacts to campus free speech issues post-Kirk? • How are we attending to interfaith efforts and spiritual care for students within this environment? • How are we attending to student wellbeing more broadly within the current sociopolitical environment? 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	End of day reflections and thoughts; dinner announcements	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Dinner and Awards; Cocina 214 is Mexican and Tex Mex fare and is within walking distance from the campus and hotels; Dinner sponsored by Rollins (Alcohol on individual tabs)	Cocina 214
Friday, November 14, 2025		
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Discussion #5: Policy & Federal Landscape Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are campuses tracking and navigating policy and legal issues affecting student life? • How are campuses adapting student programs, language, and offices in response to federal mandates? 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are campuses supporting international students and your international program colleagues amidst changes to visa regulations? • How are campuses supporting LGBTQ students, students of color, and other communities amidst the anti-DEI backlash? What about your own staff? 	
10:00 – 11:15 AM	Discussion #6: Emerging Challenges in the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are Student Life divisions navigating relationships with Alumni & Development offices? What protocols/parameters are helpful to ensuring student accountability in cases of parent and donor influence? • How are Student Life divisions supporting staff development? What coaching models and recognition strategies are helpful? How are you addressing staff mental health needs, burnout, and workload? • What trends, challenges, and successes are we seeing in hiring for student affairs positions? 	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
11:15 – 11:30 AM	<i>Break</i>	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Session: Polls & Final Thoughts	Bieberbach-Reed, Cornell Campus Center
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 PM	Shuttle to MCO (30-40 minute trip)	

Next meeting: November 2026 – Millsaps College – Dates coming soon