

2026 SCAIR DRAFT Conference Program At-A-Glance

Schedule subject to change.

Thursday, March 12

Event	Time/Topic	Location
Registration	11:00 AM –12:00 PM	Lobby
Welcome and Lunch Buffet		12:00– 12:30 PM Banquet I
Liz Rennick, 2025-26 SCAIR President, Trident Technical College		
Keynote Address		12:30 - 1:30 PM Banquet I
The Data Whisperers: Elevating IR/IE in Uncertain Times <i>Carolyn Sloane Mata, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities</i>		
Concurrent Sessions		1:45 – 2:30 PM
CS-1: The Early Bird Gets the Clean Data: Proactive Auditing for Data Integrity <i>Rick Loveday, Clemson University</i>	Programming or AI/ML Technology	Banquet I
CS-2: Measuring Ourselves: Developing an Assessment Plan for Institutional Research and Effectiveness Offices <i>Lauren Schoenheit and Savannah Watson, Coastal Carolina University</i>	Institutional Effectiveness/ Assessment	Banquet II
CS-3: Gold Sponsor TBA		Breakout I/II
Concurrent Sessions		2:45 – 3:30 PM
CS-4: A shortcut to using IPEDS data <i>David Eubanks, Furman University</i>	Data Modeling and Statistics	Banquet I
CS-5: PolicyMap – Leveraging Data Mapping for Informed Decision-Making <i>Chris Marino, Greenville Technical College</i>	Data Analysis & Visualization	Banquet II
CS-6: R and AI to Improve Data Formatting <i>Adam Sokol, University of South Carolina</i>	Programming or AI/ML Technology	Breakout I/II
Concurrent Sessions		3:45 – 5:00 PM
CS-7: Mark This Down! How R Markdown Can Enhance Reporting, Data Analysis, and Visualization <i>Daniel Kuzbary, Tri-County Technical College</i> <i>Alan Lam, Central Carolina Technical College</i>	Data Analysis & Visualization	Banquet I
CS-8: Creating Connections Through Data: A Show and Tell Approach to Transparency <i>Katlyn Bagley-Sepsey, Furman University</i>	Data Culture and Literacy	Banquet II
CS-9: TBA		

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Breakfast Buffet & Welcome	8:00 AM	Banquet I
Dr. Bridget Dewees, 2025-26 SCAIR President-Elect, University of Wisconsin-Stout		
Plenary Presentation	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Banquet I
An Introduction to CHEMIS 2.0 <i>Christopher Robinson, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education</i>		
Concurrent Sessions	9:45 – 10:30 AM	
CS-10: CHE Analytics <i>Mariana Manic, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education</i>	Data Analysis & Visualization	Banquet 1
CS-11: Data-Informed Advocacy for Colleges: Transforming Numbers into Narratives <i>Carolyn Mata, Strategic Higher Education Consultant</i>	Data Culture and Literacy	Banquet II
CS-12: Gold Sponsor TBA		Breakout I/II
Concurrent Sessions	10:45 – 11:30 PM	
CS-13: Leveraging Business Intelligence for Perkins V Reporting <i>Kevin McMindes, Greenville Technical College</i>	Data Analysis & Visualization	Banquet I
CS-14: Predicting First-year Retention within State Scholarship Programs at the College of Charleston <i>Sam Shirazi and Chris Korey, College of Charleston</i>	Data Modeling and Statistics	Banquet II
CS-15: Students on Academic Probation and Their Engagement with Intervention Programs <i>Juan Xu and Jennifer Fox, Clemson University</i>	Data Analysis & Visualization	Breakout I/II
Lunch Buffett; Business Meeting, Professional of the Year Award, Door Prizes	11:45 – 12:45 PM	Banquet I