



 2026  
WAVES CONFERENCE

MONDAY  
07.20.2026

# AGENDA - DAY 1

1:00 PM -  
5:00 PM

**REGISTRATION**

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

6:30 PM -  
8:00 PM

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

Pool Deck



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# AGENDA - DAY 2

7:00 AM -  
5:00 PM**REGISTRATION  
(OPEN ALL DAY)**

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

7:00 AM -  
8:30 AM**BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS**

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:30 AM -  
9:00 AM**CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JASON GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

**HONOR GUARD**

AMERICAN LEGION

**STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**JESSICA YOUNG, PROGRAM MANAGER,  
THE LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**DARCY SCHNUTH, WAVES 1ST VICE  
PRESIDENT**INTRODUCTIONS: WAVES BOARD, VA &  
SAA PRESENTERS**9:00 AM -  
10:00 AM**NASAA UPDATE AND INTRODUCTIONS  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

REBECCA RYAN, NASAA PRESIDENT

10:00 AM -  
10:30 AM**BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

10:30 AM -  
12:00 PM**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)****NEW SCO TRAINING\***

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

EDGAR FORD, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE**SCO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS\***

Studio A-B

RAMON TORRY, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE**VOCATIONAL FLIGHT PROGRAMS\***

Studio C

TINA KEETER, CHIEF EDUCATION LIAISON  
OFFICER



# DAY 2 (CONT.)

12:00 PM –  
1:30 PM

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:30 PM –  
2:30 PM

**CATALOG SUBMISSIONS & REVIEW  
PROCESS: INSTITUTIONS PERSPECTIVES  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

EVERETTE JACKSON, NASAA EAST REGION  
VICE PRESIDENT

2:30 PM –  
3:00 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Mezzanine Level

3:00 PM –  
4:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONG  
STUDENT VETERANS**

Studio A-B

EDDIE BOQUILLA, VETERAN SUPPORT  
SPECIALIST, USVETS PHOENIX

**OUT OF UNIFORM, INTO THE INTERVIEW:  
CLOSING THE FIRST-IMPRESSION GAP  
FOR TRANSITIONING VETERANS**

Studio C

RAHUL JINDA, MYCAREERCLOSET

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, CREDIT! ADVANCING  
VETERAN STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH  
JST AND CPL**

Studio D-E

CALVIN KLEIN GLORIA, DIRECTOR OF  
MILITARY CPL PATHWAYS, RIVERSIDE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4:00 PM –  
5:00 PM

**STATE BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**CALIFORNIA**  
CSAAVE

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2**  
TBD

Studio A-B

**BREAKOUT SESSION 3**  
TBD

Studio C

6:30 PM –  
10:00 PM

**TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITY:  
90'S DANCE PARTY**

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

*\* BEST 90'S OUTFIT CONTEST*



# AGENDA - DAY 3

7:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

**REGISTRATION**

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

7:00 AM -  
8:30 AM

**BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS**

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:30 AM -  
9:30 AM

**STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

CORY BOATWRIGHT, SVA NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

9:30 AM -  
10:30 AM

**FEDERAL UPDATES (GENERAL SESSION)**

KENNETH SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
EDUCATION SERVICE, DVA

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

10:30 AM -  
11:00 AM

**BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

11:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

**85/15 REQUIREMENTS\***

GLEN PENA, SUPERVISOR APPROVALS  
COMPLIANCE & LIAISON

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

12:00 PM -  
1:30 PM

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**ENROLLMENT MANAGER\***

ADRIAN RAMIREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

**YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAMS\***

ROGELIO GARCIA, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

Studio A-B

**COMPLIANCE SURVEYS\***

GLEN PENA, SUPERVISOR APPROVALS  
COMPLIANCE & LIAISON, AND TINA  
KEETER, CHIEF EDUCATION LIAISON  
OFFICE

Studio C

# DAY 3 (CONT.)

3:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK  
& RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

3:30 PM –  
5:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM: CLOSING THE  
CIVILIAN CAREER ETIQUETTE GAP FOR  
STUDENT**

Studio A-B

RAHUL JINDA, MYCAREERCLOSET

**BRIDGING THE GAP: MANAGING VA  
EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL  
AID FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

Studio C

DR. TAKESHA MCMILLER, NORTHERN  
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**TBD**

Studio D-E

KATHY SNYDER, DIRECTOR NM STATE  
APPROVING AGENCY

6:30 PM –  
8:30 PM

**SCO BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY  
MASQUERADE BALL**

Ray Dolby Salon 3-6

JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

*\*COCKTAIL ATTIRE RECOMMENDED & MASKS WILL BE  
PROVIDED*



# AGENDA - DAY 4

7:00 AM -  
8:00 AM

## BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:00 AM -  
8:30 AM

## WAVES BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL SESSION)

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

8:30 AM -  
10:00 AM

## VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) (GENERAL SESSION)

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

CHANTILE STOVALL, ACTING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF VR&E

10:00 AM -  
10:30 AM

## BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR

Mezzanine Level

10:30 AM -  
12:00 PM

## DEBT MANAGEMENT CENTER\* (GENERAL SESSION)

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JULIE LAWRENCE, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS,  
VETERANS RESOLUTION DIVISION

12:00 PM -  
1:30 PM

## LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

### NON-COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS\*

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

ADRIAN RAMIREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

### WORK STUDY PROGRAMS\*

Studio A-B

JOSE GUTIEREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

### SVA CHAPTER GROWTH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Studio C

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA: FAISAL  
SULMAN AND JACELYNMARIE ACHIU



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# DAY 4 (CONT.)

3:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

## REFRESHMENT BREAK

Mezzanine Level

3:30 PM –  
5:00 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

### COMPLIANCE WITH CONFIDENCE: A PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE READINESS FRAMEWORK FOR SCOS

VANNESSA HAYDEE WEBER, VERACITY RESEARCH SOLUTIONS

Studio A-B

### THE AI-POWERED SCO: USING NOTEBOOKLM AND GEMINI GEMS FOR EFFICIENCY AND ACCURACY

ROSS ATKINSON, PH.D, VETERAN SERVICES PROGRAM, AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

### FROM CONFUSION TO CLARITY: SIMPLIFYING VA BENEFITS COMMUNICATION

CHASSIDY JACKSON, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND ADULT EDUCATION, ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

Studio C

**\*SESSIONS COUNT TOWARD THE VA'S SCO ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CERTIFY VIA THE SCO TRAINING PORTAL POST-CONFERENCE.**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING WAVES 2026!**

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!**

