



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Randall Bass, Ph.D.

Vice president for strategic education initiatives, professor of English, and director of the Red House incubator for curricular transformation at Georgetown University



Heidi Elmendorf, Ph.D.

Associate professor of biology; director of the Education, Inquiry and Justice Program and the Regents STEM Scholars Program at Georgetown University

May 15, 2025

1-5 p.m.

Gateway Center

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1-1:15 p.m.

Opening and Welcome

Don Kirk, Ph.D.
Director of Institutional Effectiveness at UNT

Gateway Ballroom

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Keynote Session: Exploring Student Success at UNT

Randall Bass, Ph.D.
Heidi Elmendorf, Ph.D.

Gateway Ballroom

2:30-3:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions I

**Track 1: Student Retention
& Support**

**Track 2: Pedagogical and
Engagement Strategies
for Success**

Track 3: Data Insights

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

Light refreshments

3:30-4:20 p.m.

Breakout Sessions II

**Track 1: Student Retention
& Support**

**Track 2: Pedagogical and
Engagement Strategies
for Success**

Track 3: Data Insights

4:30-5 p.m.

Closing Session

Don Kirk, Ph.D.
Director of Institutional Effectiveness at UNT

Gateway Ballroom

TRACK 1: STUDENT RETENTION & SUPPORT**Session A: Gateway Ballroom****Unpacking TSI Incomplete Student Retention; Implications for UNT Support**

Interactive session exploring retention data on TSI incomplete students and integrating wellness data for holistic support.

UNT Student Services Assessment

- Sheila Bustillos, Ph.D., Director
- Sam Williamson, Assistant Director
- Shafayat Islam, Assistant Director

Session B: Room 43**College of Science Student Success Intervention Initiatives**

Overview of reforms addressing performance gaps, enhancing prerequisite standards, and implementing an early intervention campaign.

UNT College of Science

- John Quintanilla, Ph.D., Dean
- Lee Hughes, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies
- Tanisha Edwards, Ph.D., Senior Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs

TRACK 2: PEDAGOGICAL & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**Session C: Room 47****Team-Based Learning and Student Successes in the Music History Classroom**

Practical application of Team-Based Learning to improve retention and success in higher ed classrooms.

UNT College of Music

- April L. Prince, Ph.D., Principal Lecturer
- Brian Anderson, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer

TRACK 3: DATA INSIGHTS**Session D: Room 48****Texas Woman's University: Encoding Details from Program Assessment Reports for a Better Big-Picture**

Strategies to simplify assessment data analysis for actionable curriculum improvements aligned with SACSCOC standards.

TWU Office of Academic Assessment and Accreditation

- Gray Scott, Ph.D., Director
- Mary Rosene, Assistant Director

TRACK 1: STUDENT RETENTION & SUPPORT**Session E: Room 42****Take Flight: Data-Driven Insights to FTIC Retention**

Focused on intentional interventions for FTIC student retention using data-driven strategies.

UNT College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

- Katherine Jenkins, Senior Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
- Justin Canfield, Senior Academic Counselor

Session F: Gateway Ballroom**Student Assessment Challenge Showcase**

Three student groups that participated in UNT's inaugural Student Assessment Challenge will present their findings and share their experiences, including their research methods, insights into institutional data analysis, and lessons learned.

Facilitator: Sam Williamson, Assistant Director, Student Services Assessment

TRACK 2: PEDAGOGICAL & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**Session G: Room 43****Ascend: Leveraging Student Voice to Enhance Classroom Engagement**

Overview of PERTS Ascend, a professional learning platform that empowers institutions to use student feedback to measure and enhance learning conditions.

Stacey Polk, Student Success Program Manager, UNT

TRACK 3: DATA INSIGHTS**Session H: Room 48****Empowering Career Readiness Through Data Insights****UNT Career Center**

Showcasing data cleaning methodologies to enhance employer engagement and student career outcomes.

- Eileen Buecher, Assistant Vice President
- Melanie Mitchell, Senior Associate Director
- Corey Davidson, Assistant Director
- Philip Aguinaga, Assistant Director