

NEXT Program Details

Friday, July 28, 2023

Background

Last year, following the report and recommendations of the [Ad Hoc Committee on Reimagining the NACAC-Affiliate Partnership](#), the NACAC Board of Directors approved moving forward with [bylaws amendments to remove reference](#) to the national delegates/Assembly as a part of the association's governance structure. In recognizing the important professional development afforded by the role of delegate, the NACAC board asked NACAC staff to develop a new program to build the leadership capacity of next-generation affiliate leaders, and provide value for participants, their respective employers, affiliates, and NACAC. In April 2023, NACAC staff announced NEXT.

The foundation of NEXT is deepening participants' connections to the expansive network of NACAC professionals and their experiences.

NEXT Program Outline

- **Who?** Each affiliate may identify three NEXT participants in a manner of their choosing. The criteria for the participants are that they must be a NACAC member, and they should be an early- to mid-career professional.
- **What?** NEXT is a one-year program with both in-person and virtual components. The in-person convening will take place at the annual NACAC Conference and include a panel discussion of past and present NACAC leaders, facilitated by the APC coordinator. There will also be an opportunity to build connections with other NEXT participants through roundtable conversations facilitated and led by NACAC leaders. The virtual component will take place through the year. We welcome the APC's efforts to build connections with this group of professionals inclusive of and separate from the NEXT program.
- **Recognition?** NEXT participants will receive recognition on the NACAC website, a certificate of completion, a dedicated NACAC Engage community, and acknowledgement at conference (upon completion of the program).

Content

The APC LEAD Committee will suggest content areas and speakers for NEXT webinars, and NACAC will coordinate and deliver the content on its virtual platforms. If applicable, we may extend the opportunity for participants to join select LEAD sessions. All sessions will be recorded and distributed. The LEAD Committee will undertake its planning efforts early this fall.

We welcome further APC engagement in delivering the content as a speaker, moderator, or facilitator. To suggest future content and/or volunteer to present, please submit [this form](#).





At NACAC Conference 2023, participants who attend in person will have the opportunity to hear from leaders with extraordinary experience within the NACAC structure, as well as worked their way through leadership in their affiliate. Panelists include:

- Nancy Beane: NACAC Royalty; 2004-05 SACAC President; 2016-17 NACAC President
- Ramon Blakley: 2016-19 NACAC Board Director; 2022-23 TACAC President
- Johnnie Johnson: 2019-20 KYACAC President; 2021-22 APC Coordinator
- Sarah Smith: 2022-23 NJACAC President

Intended Outcomes

Through NEXT, NACAC's intent is to provide participants with opportunities to build connections with each other, understand their own leadership capacity and strengths, and navigate the professional opportunities available through affiliate and national volunteer service.

- Increasing network
- Building leadership capacity
- Expanding pathways for growth
- Growing NACAC/affiliate volunteer base

Fees & Costs

There is no fee for NEXT. Beginning in 2024, we will require the submission of NEXT participants by February 28. Doing so ensures that they will have the opportunity to register for conference during the early-registration period, gaining early "VIP" access to reduced rates and optimal hotel selection.

In-person attendance at the NACAC conference session is optional. However, affiliates enrolled in GAIN may choose to use their funds to pay the transportation costs for those who may need financial support. NACAC is unable to supplement conference-related costs associated with NEXT attendee travel and hotel accommodations.

In the future, please share the names of NEXT participants by February 28 to ensure that we can include them in early NACAC conference registration communications.

