8th IASAS Global Summit on Student Affairs and Services
Schedule as of October 21, 2026

Tuesday, October 27

Time	Activity
8:30-6:00	**Welcome/Help Desk–** Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Lobby, 475 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4Y 1X7
9:30-11:30	**U of T Campus Tour** (full)-- Meet at 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (on own)
1:00-3:00 PM	**Toronto Metropolitan University Tour** (full), Meet at Sheldon & Tracey Levy Student Learning Centre, Toronto Metropolitan University (341 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5B 1S1
3:00 - 5:00 PM	**IASAS General Assembly** (5th Floor, 800 Bay St)
5:00 - 5:30 PM	**MOU signing** with Association of Indian Universities (AIU) & Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) 5th floor, 800 Bay Street
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Free Time
6:30 - 9:00 PM	**Welcome Reception** (informal-food provided) Duke of York 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto, ON M5R 1B2

Wednesday, October 28 - Hart House

Time	Activity
7:45-8:30	**Optional Morning Activity** Meet at Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Lobby, 475 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4Y 1X7 Join a fitness team member from Hart House for an active walk (1.5 km) to U of T campus.
8:00-9:00	**Continental Breakfast** Lower Gallery, Hart House
8:00 - 10:30 AM	**Check in and Welcome Desk** East Common Room, Hart House Pick up your name badge and materials for the Summit.
9:00 - 9:40 AM	**Welcome, Opening Remarks & Indigenous Welcome** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
9:40 - 10:40 AM	**Keynote - Dr. Michelle Pidgeon** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
10:45-5:00	**Welcome/Help Desk Open** East Alcove, Hart House
10:40 - 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 - 11:50 AM	**Group Work Session 1** (Hybrid) Discussion Brief Groupwork Outline
12:00 - 1:15 PM	**Networking Lunch**

Time	Activity
	Lower Gallery, Hart House
1:15 - 2:30 PM	**Concurrent Sessions 1 (4 Rooms)** (see below for Concurrent Session Schedule)
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Coffee Break
2:45 - 4:15 PM	**Concurrent Sessions 2 (4 Rooms)** (see below for Concurrent Session Schedule)
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Announcements & Tour of Hart House Great Hall, Hart House Meet at the Information Desk for the Tour.
5:00-5:30	Proving Impact: Program Assessment in Student Affairs Burwash Room, Hart House
5:00 - 6:00 PM	**Associations Meeting,** East Common Room, Hart House
Evening	Dinner on your own (recommendations to be provided)

Concurrent Session 1, 1:15-2:30pm *(Descriptions and Speaker details available in the App)*

Health & Wellbeing–East Common Room (1st floor)

- Care is Key: Social Work as a Bridge to Sustainable Well-Being in a Rapidly Changing World
- Localising the Sustainable Development Goals Through Student Associations: Towards Ubuntu Leadership
- Fast Forward: Changing Issues and Trends of Student Affairs in Canada
- Innovation, Integration and Impact: University of Toronto collaborations to achieve improved student mental health and wellbeing

Belonging & Global Communities–Music Room (2nd floor)

- A Whole Institution Approach to International Student Transitions: Lessons from Brock University and the CIS Educational Transitions Framework
- Enhancing the growth mindset of intelligence through AI literacy among Chinese and South African higher education students: The mediating role of digital wellbeing
- Beyond Practicum: Building Student-Led Pathways to Employment, Leadership, and Systems Change
- Turning Pages into Practice: What Global Student Affairs Leaders Are Reading Now

Innovation & Digital Futures–Burwash Room, (2nd floor)

- Journeying Together: Student Affairs as a Human-Centered Third Space in the Age of AI
- Cybersecurity Readiness for Digital Resilience in Open and Distance Learning: A Case Study of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)
- Everyday Student Engagements with AI and Educational Technologies: Comparative Reflections from South Africa, Brazil, and the United States
- Measuring impact in education abroad: A University of Delaware case study
- Uptake and Use of an AI-Based Mental Health Chatbot Among Students at a South African University

Leadership & Institutional Practice–Great Hall, (1st floor)

- Fast Forward Communities: How Technology, Leadership, and Student Ecosystems Are Redefining Student Affairs
- Global Housing Futures: Cross Regional Innovation, Equity, and Sustainability in Student Accommodation

- Initiatives that Inspire Collaboration: Leveraging Global Field Experiences for Sustainable Change in Higher Education
- Student Participation in University Governance: A Critical Analysis of the Barriers to Meaningful Participation in South African Universities
- Fast-Tracking Inclusion: Supporting International-Born Student Affairs Leaders in a Rapidly Changing Global Landscape

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Concurrent Session 2, 2:45-4:15pm *(Descriptions and Speaker details available in the App)*

Innovation & Digital Futures–Music Room (2nd floor)

- Bridging Borders: Advancing Student & Staff Development Through Global Leadership Exchange
- Remote Academic Advising (RAA) as a Mature Practice Since COVID-19: A Mixed-Methods Study
- Fast-Forwarding Academic Advising: Building a Global Community of Practice Through IASASâ€“NACADA Collaboration
- From Global Goals to Local Action: Student Leadership for the SDGs
- Crisis as the new normal - what does that mean for student services?

Belonging & Global Communities–East Common Room (1st floor)

- The Belonging Signal: Preliminary Longitudinal Evidence on Co-Curricular Engagement and Student Persistence from a Canadian Business School
- The philosophy and practice of integrating international students into the local community.
- Understanding the role of Student Affairs in international studentsâ€™ post-graduation career transitions in Canada: A scoping review
- From Legislation to Sustained Action: Whole-of-Organisation Approaches to Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response in Australian Universities

Leadership & Institutional Practice–Great Hall, (1st floor)

- From Participation to Partnership: Advancing Student Engagement and Leadership
- Looking Back and Looking Forward: The Canadian First Year Experience Monograph 25 Years Later
- From Access to Success: Collaborative and Responsive Ecosystems of Support in Secondary and Post-Secondary Enabling Programs
- From Framework to Frontline: Inclusive Practice in Student Services

Health & Wellbeing–Burwash Room, (2nd floor)

- Reimagining Alumni Relations as a Lifelong Student Success Ecosystem in African Higher Education
- Assessing and Promoting Faculty and Staff Well-Being in Higher Education
- Can You Scale Belonging? Rethinking Orientation in a Rapidly Changing World
- Engagement Re-imagined: How Student Priorities are Reshaping Residence Life
- "Defiance Against Tyranny": The Role of Art in Student Affairs for Democracy & Well-Being

Thursday, October 29 - Hart House

Time	Activity
8:00 - 9:00 AM	**Continental Breakfast** Lower Gallery, Hart House
8:00-4:30	**Welcome/Help Desk Open** East Alcove, Hart House
9:00 - 9:15 AM	**Welcome & Day One Recap** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
9:15 - 10:30 AM	"The Role of Student Affairs in the changing higher education landscape" **Invited Panel** / Q&A (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	"The 21st Century Student Experience" **Student Panel** / Q&A (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
12:00 - 1:15 PM	**Lunch** Lower Gallery, Hart House
1:15 - 2:30 PM	**Concurrent Sessions 3** (see below for Concurrent Session Schedule)
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Refreshment Break
2:45 - 4:15 PM	**Group Work Session 2** (Hybrid) Discussion Brief Groupwork Outline
4:15 - 4:30 PM	**Gala Information / Daily Closing**
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Free time / travel to Gala
6:00 - 6:45 PM	**Gala Reception** - The Carlu, 7th floor, Skye Room
7:00 - 9:30 PM	**IASAS Gala Dinner & Awards**- The Carlu, 7th floor, Round Room

Concurrent Session 3, 1:15-2:30pm *(Descriptions and Speaker details available in the App)*

Innovation & Digital Futures–East Common Room (1st floor)

- The VISIBLE Framework: A Practical Model for Confidence, Influence, and Impact
- The Importance of Recognizing Academic Achievement in First-Year Students
- The Queensland Commitment in Action: Transforming Access Pathways for students from underrepresented groups through the Young Achievers Program
- Developing Future Ready Graduates

Belonging & Global Communities–Music Room (2nd floor)

- Student Success in 2026: Perspectives from Leaders, Staff and Students Across Canada, Australia and the UK
- Benchmarking, Trending and Planning for the Evolution of Student Affairs and Services in Canada
- Professionalizing Student Affairs or Preserving Its Purpose? Rethinking Legitimacy in a Changing Global Context
- Supporting Students Post-Transfer

- From Pre-Arrival to Belonging: Fostering International Community Through a Holistic Academic Advising Approach

Leadership & Institutional Practice–Great Hall, (1st floor)

- Happiness, Trust, Relationships: Reframing Leadership in Student Affairs
- Leading from the edge of the global south: Developing leaders for a changing world
- Fast Forwarding Access: Strengthening Pathways for Traveller and Roma Students
- Saudi higher education: The push for sustainability

Health & Wellbeing–Burwash Room, (2nd floor)

- Exploring Mental Health Challenges among University Students in Free State and Northern Cape, South Africa: A Comparative Study
- The Hidden Impact of Gambling on Students
- Well-Being and Belonging: Creating Transformative Graduate Student Learning Environments
- Homegrown: Bridging Pre-Admission and Graduate Advising Through School Spirit, Belonging, and Equitable Access

Friday, October 30 - Hart House

Time	Activity
8:00-12:30	**Welcome/Help Desk Open** East Alcove, Hart House
8:15 - 9:00 AM	**Continental Breakfast** Lower Gallery, Hart House
9:00 - 9:15 AM	**Welcome & Conference Recap** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
9:15 - 10:15 AM	**Concurrent Sessions 4** (see below for Concurrent Session Schedule)
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:45 AM	**Group Work Share Back** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	**Summit Closing Remarks & Reflections** (Hybrid) Great Hall, Hart House

Concurrent Session 4, 9:15-10:15am *(Descriptions and Speaker details available in the App)*

Leadership & Institutional Practice–Music Room (2nd floor)

- Unpacking Student Engagement: Strategies to Enhance Campus Climate
- From Anecdote to Benchmark: What 4,500 Students Told Us About the Campus Services That Shape Their Experience
- Making Visible the Invisible: A Multi-Ethnographic Reflection on Challenges and Supports for Diverse Students in Canadian Higher Education

Belonging & Global Communities–East Common Room (1st floor)

- Enhancing Student Mental Health: A University-Wide Scheme at Hong Kong Metropolitan University
- The Education City Student Experience: How Qatar Foundationâ€™s Multiversity Model Advances Belonging, Leadership, and Holistic Student Development
- Building a Regional Student Affairs and Services Network: Qatar’s Journey Toward a MENA Association

Belonging & Global Communitie–Great Hall, (1st floor)

- Fast Forward Beyond the “At-Risk Student”: Reframing Student Risk as an Institutional Responsibility
- Rethinking Student Engagement: What Immigrant and International Studentsâ€™ Agentic Practices Tell Student Affairs
- Seen and counted: Advocacy and action in equity data policy to drive inclusive change in higher education

Health & Wellbeing–Burwash Room, (2nd floor)

- Re-Theorising Student Affairs as an Integrated Platform for Equity and Student Voice
- The Italian Right to Higher Education: Can an Admirable Progressive Model Remain Sustainable?
- When Students Share the Power: Rethinking Authority in the Governance of Student Affairs and Services