

Agenda

Monday, August 3, 2026

2:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Registration & Check-In

7th Floor/Registration Desk

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Summit Workshops

6th Floor

Admin 101: CORE ELMS

Indiana/Iowa

Miriam Anahory, Kate Guare & Julina Pyanoe, *PeopleGrove*

A foundational walkthrough of CORE ELMS for newer administrators. Covers basic scheduling functionality, the Requirements and Messaging Center, and the Reporting Suite. Includes hidden tips and tricks with time for live Q&A.

CORE Advanced Feature Deep Dive

Michigan/Michigan State

Gabriella Carlino, Liam Harty & Kaleigh Larson, *PeopleGrove*

This session covers the tools that make complex programs manageable: site-specific and onboarding requirements, Messaging Center-driven compliance outreach, the Compliance Dashboard, Student Binders for easy visibility, Custom Fields for tracking program-specific data points, and Saved Reports for audit-ready reporting

Admin 101: Essentials, Engagement & Experience Hubs

Great America

Tyler McCoy & Saidouri Zomaya, *PeopleGrove*

A foundational walkthrough for newer Engagement Hub administrators. Covers platform setup, Events, Groups, Mentorship modules, and Reporting — practical first steps to launch and grow your community.

Grow Your Platform: Features That Drive Adoption

Lincolnshire

Dori Branch & Amanda Harrison, *PeopleGrove*

Adapted from the PeopleGrove Regional Workshop, this session covers the features most directly tied to platform growth and engagement — including Groups, Mentorship (formal, flash, and Ask Anything), the Jobs module, and Mobile App best practices. Ideal for administrators ready to move beyond the basics.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Networking Reception

7th Floor/Foyer

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Chicago Architectural Boat Tour

Chicago Line Cruises

Board the Innisfree for a two-hour architectural tour on the Chicago River. **Pre-Registration was required.**

Legend:

-  CORE by PeopleGrove sessions
-  Engagement Hub, Experience Hub and PathwayU sessions

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration & Check-In

7th Floor/Registration Desk

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Drop-In Help Desk Hours

6th Floor/Minnesota

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7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

7th Floor/Salon I

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

CEO Welcome & Conference Kickoff

7th Floor/Salon III

PeopleGrove CEO Dawn Hiles will share insights from another transformative year at PeopleGrove. Learn how continued evolution benefits our community and explore real-world examples of partners achieving impactful results through meaningful engagement and experiential learning.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

7th Floor/Foyer

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

BLOCK 1 — Concurrent Sessions

CORE by PeopleGrove Product Direction & Roadmap

Salon III

Ela Provost & Matthew Richards, *PeopleGrove*

Get an exclusive inside look at the future of CORE by PeopleGrove as the product team unveils the strategic direction and upcoming roadmap for the platform. This is your opportunity to see what's coming next!

Tuesday, August 4, 2026**10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.****BLOCK 1 — Concurrent Sessions****Getting Off On the Right Foot: How to Launch and Scale**

Michigan/Michigan State

Launching a new platform is one thing. Getting people to actually use it is another. In this session, two institutions share what they learned scaling their Engagement Hub platforms from the ground up. By starting with a course-based entry point, they discovered a repeatable model for driving broader adoption across their communities. Walk away with concrete strategies you can apply at your own institution.

Before the Ask: How Digital Engagement Drives Philanthropic Outcomes

Northwestern/Ohio State

Evan Keil, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Mentoring and engagement platforms generate powerful stories of connection, alumni satisfaction, and student success — but advancement leaders ask a different question: how does this inform giving? This session explores how WashU positions its PeopleGrove Engagement Hub within the philanthropic journey, making the case for engagement data as a pipeline indicator and connecting its digital engagement strategy to development outcomes.

Mission-Driven Mentoring: Integrating Institutional Values into Digital Engagement

Purdue/Wisconsin

Howard Thrasher, *Boston College*

Boston College intentionally aligns its Jesuit institutional mission with its digital engagement and mentoring strategy. This session explores how BC integrates values-based programming into their Engagement Hub— from mentor matching to event design — and how other institutions can translate their own mission into meaningful digital community experiences.

From Launch to Longevity: Ecosystem Management

Great America

Launching a platform takes more than one announcement. Columbia Engineering and New York University share their blueprint for sustained visibility, cross-campus collaboration, and smart storytelling, which helped them build long-term engagement and surpass their goals.

Strengthening the Career Ecosystems: Growing Alumni Roles Across Campus

Lincolnshire

Lindsey Baldwin, *Middlebury College*

This session looks at Middlebury College's approach to expanding alumni involvement beyond traditional roles — building campus partnerships, supporting alumni programming across departments, and integrating their Engagement Hub platform into their advancement strategy. This session shares their approach to growing a career ecosystem that serves students and alumni alike

Tuesday, August 4, 2026**11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.****BLOCK 2 — Concurrent Sessions**

6th & 7th Floor

**Terms of Service & FERPA for Preceptors:
Managing Compliance in Clinical Settings**

Purdue/Wisconsin

Randi King, *Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center* & Julina Pyanoe, *PeopleGrove*

An innovative approach to using CORE ELMS for preceptor education and compliance. This session explores how Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center uses the platform to manage Terms of Service agreements and FERPA requirements for preceptors — reducing manual processes and ensuring consistent documentation across clinical sites.

**From Submission to Placement: Using Site
Prospector to Streamline Externship Applications**

Great America

Brandy Close, *Oklahoma State University* & Angelina Rimmner, *PeopleGrove*

Oklahoma State University repurposed CORE's Site Prospector feature into an end-to-end Externship/Clerkship Application workflow — moving students from submission to confirmed placement with greater efficiency and transparency. This session walks through how they designed and implemented this workflow and the outcomes it produced.

**Scheduling Across Campuses & Clinical Settings:
Creating Efficiency**

Lincolnshire

Valencia King, *Emory University*

Coordinating clinical and simulation placements across nursing programs requires clear communication, schedule transparency, and accurate hour tracking. Emory shares best practices and practical approaches to enhancing clinical instructor engagement and scheduling efficiency across distributed sites.

**Heard & Actioned: Reviewing Pharmacy Client Survey
Results and Our Response**

Salon II

Alexis Carbone, Dustin Maines, and Sarah Myksin, *PeopleGrove*

In this session, PeopleGrove will share key takeaways from the pharmacy program survey. Attendees will hear how that feedback ensures pharmacy programs have a voice in the future direction of the platform.

**Product Direction & Roadmap: Engagement Hub,
Experience Hub, and PathwayU (Legacy PeopleGrove)**

Salon III

Ela Provost, *PeopleGrove*

Get an exclusive first look at the future of the Engagement Hub, Experience Hub, and PathwayU (Legacy PeopleGrove) solutions as the product team shares the strategic direction and upcoming roadmap for the Engagement Hub, Experience Hub, and PathwayU. This is your opportunity to see where we are headed and discover the exciting enhancements on our roadmap.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**Lunch and Awards Ceremony**

7th Floor/Salon I

Celebrate excellence in our community! This lunchtime session honors the 2026 PeopleGrove Annual Summit award winners — the individuals and institutions demonstrating exceptional creativity, collaboration, and measurable impact in learner engagement and community building across the PeopleGrove partner network. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize and be inspired by their achievements. (Alexis Carbone & Jason Langdon, *PeopleGrove*)

Tuesday, August 4, 2026**1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.****BLOCK 3 — Concurrent Sessions**

6th & 7th Floor

Streamlining High-Volume Simulation Scheduling in Pre-Licensure Nursing Education

Michigan/Michigan State

Valencia King, *Emory University*

Managing simulation scheduling in large pre-licensure nursing programs can be complex and resource-intensive. With more than 1,500 simulation placements each semester, this institution faced significant challenges coordinating student assignments, instructor availability, and schedule transparency. This session shares how CORE ELMS transformed their scheduling workflows — reducing manual effort and improving visibility across the program.

Meeting School & University Requirements: How Readiness + CORE ELMS Power Compliance at Scale

Northwestern/Ohio State

Dr. Darice Richard-Mitchell, *Florida A&M University*

Schools and universities are navigating an increasingly complex landscape of compliance requirements — from immunizations and background checks to FERPA agreements, Terms of Service, and accreditation documentation. This session explores how Readiness and CORE ELMS work together to simplify that complexity. Attendees will learn how to centralize institutional and site-specific requirements in one place, automate student and preceptor workflows, and generate audit-ready reports with confidence.

Site-Specific Requirements: Managing Compliance at Scale

Lincolnshire

Bambi Mroz, *University of Connecticut*, & Colin Treanor, *PeopleGrove*

UConn's centralized model for managing compliance and contracts means that there are a lot of site-specific requirements to manage (currently almost 600!). Panelists representing its central office and individual schools/programs will share best practices around cataloging requirements from site contracts, using the requirements functionality in ELMS, instructing students in completing assigned requirements, tracking requirements that need to be completed by program admins, and reporting/auditing protocols.

Achieving Robust Requirement Tracking in CORE ELMS

Salon II

Ryan Ades, *Purdue University College of Pharmacy*, & Sean Coughlin, *PeopleGrove*

In this session, we'll explore the benefits of site-specific vs. program-specific configurations, helping you make informed decisions that save time, reduce errors, and bring more consistency to your compliance tracking.

Career Preparation at Scale: Moving Students from Exploration to Internships

Indiana/Iowa

Robert Bagley, *Ensign College*, & Amanda Harrison, *PeopleGrove*

Career services teams everywhere are asked to serve more students with fewer resources. At Ensign College, the combination of PeopleGrove, PathwayU, and the Engagement Hub delivers career readiness programming at scale — from self-assessment through internship placement. This session shares their model for using the integrated tools to support every stage of the student career journey.

Mentorship Without Borders: Strategy, Structure, and Scale

Purdue/Wisconsin

Sarah Blackmon & Kyra Fowler, *University of South Carolina* & Emma Barresi, *PeopleGrove*

If you're managing a formal mentorship program on your platform — or preparing to launch one — this session is for you. The University of South Carolina's Mentorship Hub administrator shares lessons on building cross-departmental mentorship infrastructure: how to align stakeholders, structure the program for consistency, and scale it without losing quality.

FEATURED: Harnessing Intelligent Tools for Alumni and Student Success

Salon III

Jenny Cooke Smith, *CASE* & Sarah Myksin, *PeopleGrove*

Learn how PeopleGrove's in-platform CASE reporting turns your alumni and student success engagement data into comprehensive, accurate reports with ease - and discover how to leverage it to benchmark impact, inform institutional strategy, and make CASE reporting a seamless part of your engagement workflow.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026**1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.****Grab and Go Break**

6th Floor

2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.**BLOCK 4 — Concurrent Sessions**

6th & 7th Floor

Rotation Roadmap: SmartMatch Preferencing with Purpose

Indiana/Iowa

Jennifer Baker, *University of South Carolina*, & Kate Guare, *PeopleGrove*

Since 2020, the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy has used CORE ELMS's SmartMatch algorithm to transform their joint scheduling process. This session explores how preference-based scheduling saves time, increases student satisfaction, and promotes fairness at scale — from real-world applications to measurable results. Attendees will learn how to implement and optimize SmartMatch for their own programs.

CORE Troubleshooting: Solutions to Your Most Common Issues

Northwestern/Ohio State

Travis Beckwith, & Dustin Maines, *PeopleGrove*

This hands-on session tackles the most frequently encountered challenges for CORE by PeopleGrove administrators, and walks attendees through practical solutions and best practices to resolve them quickly and confidently.

Evaluations & Experiential Reporting for Accreditation Readiness

Great America

Learn how institutions like University of Nebraska Medical Center and Wayne State University are redesigning evaluations in CORE to capture EPA-aligned clinical activities, interprofessional exposure, and rotation quality data — while building intentional reporting frameworks that turn everyday platform features into a continuous accreditation readiness strategy.

From Promise to Proof: Delivering on Your Institution's Experiential Learning Commitment

Michigan/Michigan State

Dr. Aaron Mahl, & Paurav Surendra, *PeopleGrove*

Discover how Experience Hub helps institutions centralize, track, and scale experiential learning campuswide, turning graduation requirements and student success goals into measurable outcomes every student can access equitably.

Mentor Programs That Work: Building Connections & Scaling Flash Mentoring

Purdue/Wisconsin

Akira Goodman, *Georgia Tech*, Korin Visocchi, & Ashley Durham, *Michigan State University Broad College of Business*, & Tyler McCoy, *PeopleGrove*

Georgia Tech's Mentor Jackets program connects alumni and students through meaningful conversations, leveraging the platform to support career exploration and networking. At Michigan State's Broad College of Business, a partnership between the Career Management Center and Alumni Engagement team scaled flash mentoring to over 1,000 first-year students. Together these presenters share practical strategies for building and growing mentorship programs of any size.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

BLOCK 4 — Concurrent Sessions

6th & 7th Floor

The Solo Admin Playbook: Strategies That Scale

Lincolnshire

Emily Severeid, *University of Oregon* - Lundquist College of Business & Saidouri Zomaya, *PeopleGrove*

The University of Oregon's Lundquist College of Business drives strong platform engagement through a streamlined, single-administrator approach. This session offers a behind-the-scenes look at how they prioritize features, automate outreach, and sustain an active community without a large team — practical strategies for anyone working lean.

Breaking Silos: A Panel on Building Connected Campus Ecosystems

Salon II

Robert Bagley, *Ensign College*, Bianca Galam, *University of Washington*, & Claire Rush, *University of Nebraska Alumni Association*

Three institutions share how they've expanded PeopleGrove beyond its traditional alumni engagement role. PeopleGrove highlights platforms that have become powerful engines for campus-wide community — connecting students, faculty, staff, and alumni across departments.

From First Year to Forever: Designing Meaningful Student–Alumni Engagement

Salon III

Tim Valentine, *New York University*

Why should institutions invest in connecting students and alumni — and what happens when they don't? This session explores the strategic foundation of student–alumni engagement using the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) framework and NYU's practical experience. Attendees will walk away with both the research rationale and a design approach for creating engagement experiences that last from first year through alumni life.

3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

BLOCK 5 — Concurrent Sessions

6th & 7th Floor

Building the Plane While Flying It: An Agile Approach to CORE ELMS Implementation

Indiana/Iowa

Dr. Tara Kaczorowski, *Daemen University* & Noah Sarno, *PeopleGrove*

Daemen University's Education Department supports more than 20 undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs, each with distinct fieldwork structures, certification pathways, and reporting needs. This session shares an agile, iterative approach to implementing CORE ELMS mid-flight — building workflows, managing stakeholder expectations, and adapting processes on the go. A practical resource for programs outside of the traditional health sciences space.

How ELMS Supports Accreditation Standards

Michigan/Michigan State

Dr. Traci Kruse, *University of Minnesota*, & *PeopleGrove Staff Panel*

This session explores how University of Minnesota's Occupational Therapy program uses CORE ELMS to meet current ACOTE standards and is planning to address remaining standards through the platform. A practical session for OT programs navigating accreditation requirements with ELMS.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026**3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.****BLOCK 5 — Concurrent Sessions**

6th & 7th Floor

Turning Data into Decisions: Managing Reporting in CORE

Salon II

Dustin Maines, PeopleGrove

Learn how to harness CORE's reporting tools to build consistent, actionable views of program performance — so your team spends less time pulling data and more time using it to drive continuous improvement.

Building Vibrant Communities: Groups, Ambassadors & Mission-Driven Engagement

Northwestern/Ohio State

Shakeisha Ravenell, *Mercy University*, Abby Rojas, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee* & Emma Barresi, *PeopleGrove*

Mercy University achieved outstanding engagement on MercyLink in just over a year through strategic planning, targeted campaigns, and ambassador programs — building a robust digital community from the ground up. UW-Milwaukee shares how a dual-mission R1 institution serving a majority first-generation student population transformed their PeopleGrove platform into a mission-driven engagement engine. Together these sessions offer practical tactics for building vibrant, purposeful communities on the platform.

Formal Mentorship Design: New Models & Scalable Structures

Purdue/Wisconsin

Nicole Anderson, *Tufts University*, Shannon Zelek & Stephanie Sartori, *Merrimack College*, & Tiffany Appiah, *Collegiate Directions*

Three institutions share distinct approaches to mentorship and student support. Tufts University has elevated career mentoring to the highest institutional levels with a Mentor-the-Mentor model supporting both mentors and students. Merrimack College recounts their journey from a chaotic spring launch to a scalable, structured program. Collegiate Directions shows how it adapts the PeopleGrove platform — pairing in-person experiences with a centralized digital hub to sustain connection, accountability, and support long after a single event.

The Report Out: A Framework for Sharing Your Platform's Success

Great America

Ilana Dimpleby, *Cornell University*, & Sarah Myksin, *PeopleGrove*

Have you ever had to share how your platform is performing with internal or external stakeholders? This session delivers a practical framework for creating, curating, and presenting your PeopleGrove metrics in a way that resonates with leadership. Walk away with a repeatable approach to demonstrating platform value.

Club 61+ Mentoring Program: Engaging Juniors with Mentorship, Goals, & Testimonials

Lincolnshire

Ilana Tel-Oren, *California State University-Long Beach*, & Amanda Harrison, *PeopleGrove*

The Beach Nexus Club 61+ Mentor Program at California State University Long Beach is a targeted initiative designed to support students who have earned between 61 and 75 credit hours — a pivotal transition point in the undergraduate journey. This session explores how the program uses PeopleGrove to connect these students with alumni mentors, track engagement, and drive meaningful outcomes.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Drop-In Help Desk Hours

6th Floor/Illinois

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5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Evening Networking Social

Rooftop at theWit

Join fellow Summit attendees for an unforgettable evening reception at theWit Rooftop, where you'll take in stunning views of the Chicago skyline while connecting with peers from across the PeopleGrove community. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, build lasting relationships, and continue the conversations sparked throughout the day.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:15 a.m.

Fun Run

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Registration & Check-In

7th Floor/Registration Desk

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Networking Breakfast

7th Floor/Salon

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.**BLOCK 6 — Concurrent Sessions & Roundtables**

6th & 7th Floor

2026 National Alumni Survey: Insights to Strategy

Salon III

Sarah Myksin, *PeopleGrove*

We will share key findings and trends from the National Alumni Survey, offering institutions a data-driven look at what alumni want and expect from their alma mater. Attendees will walk away with actionable insights to strengthen alumni engagement strategies and better connect their programs to long-term institutional success.

Program and Department Roundtables for CORE

TBD

TBD, *PeopleGrove***Wednesday, August 5, 2026****9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.****BLOCK 7 — Concurrent Sessions & Roundtables****Program and Department Roundtables for Experience & Engagement Hubs and PathwayU**

TBD

TBD, *PeopleGrove***Mapping Competencies to Outcomes:
Getting the Most from CORE CompMS**

Salon III

Paurav Surendra, *PeopleGrove*

We will share the latest insights and updates on CORE CompMS, giving attendees an in-depth look at how the platform is evolving to meet the growing demands of competency-based education.

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.**BLOCK 8 — Concluding Sessions**

7th Floor

Ask Experts in the Grove - CORE by PeopleGrove

Salon I

Jason Langdon, *PeopleGrove*

Join our experts for an open, interactive Q&A session where attendees can get answers to their most pressing questions about CORE by PeopleGrove. Whether you're looking to optimize placements, streamline accreditation reporting, or explore new features, this is your opportunity to get real-time guidance tailored to your program's needs.

Ask Experts in the Grove - Engagement Hub, Experience Hub, & PathwayU

Salon III

Sarah Myksin, *PeopleGrove*

Join our experts for an open, interactive Q&A session where attendees can get answers to their most pressing questions about PeopleGrove's HUBS. Whether you're looking to deepen alumni connections, enhance student mentorship, or drive career readiness outcomes, this is your opportunity to get real-time guidance tailored to your institution's goals.