



2026 GEORGIA TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 15 | Gordon State College

SUPPORTING STUDENT
TRANSITIONS

AGENDA

Time:	Topic:	Speaker(s):
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast <i>(Coffee & breakfast items available)</i>	
8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Welcome from Gordon State College	Dr. Ric Calhoun Assistant Vice President of Innovative Education and Strategic Initiatives Gordon State University
8:40 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome from Georgia Transfer	Lisa Baldwin Director Georgia Transfer
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	INTERACTIVE SESSION: How Do You Communicate with Students in Transition?	MODERATOR: Lisa Baldwin Director Georgia Transfer
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	University System of Georgia Ithaka Project Update	USG Ithaka Project Team
10:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Military/Adult Learner Panel	Speakers (TBA)
11:50 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>(Buffet lunch provided)</i>	
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Dual Enrollment Students as Transfer Students Panel	Speakers (TBA)
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break	



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AGENDA, CONTINUED

2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	GUEST SPEAKER: KRISTINA POWERS Transfer-In Success by Design: How Overachieving Institutions Support the Student Journey from College Choice Through Career <i>(Virtual session)</i>	Kristina Powers Founder Institute for Effectiveness
2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	INTERACTIVE DATA DISCUSSIONS: Working with Your Campus Data to Enhance Student Transitions	MODERATORS: Georgia Transfer team
3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.	Wrap-up & Closing	Lisa Baldwin Director Georgia Transfer

INTRODUCING OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Kristina 'KP' Powers, PhD



We are excited to welcome Dr. Powers as our guest speaker at the 2026 Transfer Student Success Workshop. She will present ***Transfer-In Success by Design: How Overachieving Institutions Support the Student Journey from College Choice Through Career.***

Kristina 'KP' Powers, PhD, is President of the [Institute for Effectiveness in Higher Education®](#), a practitioner-led knowledge ecosystem that helps higher education leaders turn evidence into stronger institutional and student outcomes. Her work in Georgia includes serving as Assistant Vice President for Strategic Research and Analysis at Valdosta State University, and she holds a master's degree in Financial Planning from the University of Georgia. Across more than 25 years in higher education, her research and leadership have connected institutional data, student-institution fit, strategic decision-making, and student success. She writes KP on IE: clear, practical advice on what makes colleges and universities actually work, for the leaders running them.