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Pre-Conference Opportunities

Sunday, June 23

8:00am - 1:00pm | Conference Registration (Summit View, Main Level)

Meet our onsite team, check-in for the conference, and get primed for three extraordinary days in Salt Lake City.

9:00am - 12:00pm | Pre-Conference Programming with Conference Host, Scott Fussell (Bonneville Ballroom, 1st Floor)

Get a jumpstart on your conference experience by joining us for two pre-conference sessions led by conference host, Scott Fussell. In **A Shifted Approach***, we'll take a look at mental health trends, what's happening out in the world, what's happening in each of us, and several simple, easily accessible tools that can shift our perspective and mindset. In **Be Goals and Do Goals*** we'll identify our own personal board of trustees, clarify who we are, what we do, what we want to be known for, and what we plan to accomplish in the coming year.

*Topics subject to change.

Conference Schedule

1:00pm – 1:45pm | 2024 Shelley Sutherland House Directors Institute Kickoff – Scott Fussell, Sutherland Institute Host (Bonneville Ballroom, 1st Floor)

Students leave their families of origin and come to our campuses searching for a family of choice. How are our organizations built for this sought-after journey? What are the activities, values, strengths, and dreams we can listen for, encourage along the way, and help bring to life? We've got work to do, ideas to share, and lives to change, friends. Let's talk about how we make it happen.

We'll dive into all of the above, celebrate the return of the Sutherland Institute, connect with friends, and set expectations for three full days of connection, collaboration, and celebration.

(Please be assured there will be no scooters involved in this year's conference kickoff.)

2:00pm — 3:30pm | 2024 Kickoff Keynote - Roots and Wings Part 1: Our Roots Matter - Creating Belonging in Spaces and Places Where All Students Can Thrive — Marlon Gibson, Ph.D., Director of Community Engagement, Kappa Alpha Order (Bonneville Ballroom, 1st Floor)

Your roots, my roots, our students' roots? They matter...big time. For ALL of us to thrive – our students in particular - it's on us to create spaces and places for everyone's roots, values, opinions, and identities to be seen, heard, included, and valued. Dr. Marlon Gibson of Kappa Alpha Order will be onsite to teach us the value and the fundamentals of creating an environment ALL students feel at home.

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3:15pm – 4:30pm Roots and Wings Part 2 - Scott Fussell, Sutherland Institute Host (Bonneville Ballroom, 1st Floor)

Strengthening principled roots that are already in place and providing lift for the wings that are preparing to be spread? That's what we do. Let's talk about what young people are bringing to our campuses as well as our homes, and the many ways we — and our teams - can support their growth and flight.

5:30pm - 8:30pm Welcome Reception and Dinner (1st Floor Atrium)

Let's celebrate the year we've had, the students we support, and the experiences we've enjoyed with other servant leaders traveling this shared journey.

Monday, June 24 (Love Your Letters Day)

7:00am - 9:00am | Breakfast (Main Floor Restaurant, On Your Own)

9:00am - 9:15am | Day Two Welcome - Scott Fussell, Sutherland Institute Host (Bonneville Ballroom)

Wake up, lace up, and show up, friends! Let's get energized and prepped for a day full of engagement, inspiration, and education.

9:15am – 11:00am | Family Foundations: Understanding Our Members, Building Trusting
Relationships – Erin Fischer, Owner & CEO, The Leadership and Training Studio (Bonneville Ballroom)

How do discs, ghosts, winning teams, and withdrawals connect? We will learn exactly how and much more in this session designed to help us better understand ourselves, our students, our teams, and our mission. Featuring industry favorite, Erin Fischer, **Family Foundations** will help us lean heavily into our Roots and Wings theme by digging into relational, organizational, and personal strengths and dynamics.

11:30am - 1:00pm | Bringing Families Meals to Life (Ft. Douglas, 1st Floor)

Singer/Songwriter Drew Holcomb once wrote, "You can't know a man 'til you eat at his table." We couldn't agree more. However, the family meal is becoming a lost art in our communities. The experience we offer in our homes is one of the last opportunities students have to experience the connectivity and conversation that comes along with breaking bread with others on a regular basis. In this facilitator-lead luncheon discussion, we'll work together to create a list of best practices that enable us to maximize the dining experience in our homes.

1:15pm — 2:15pm | Protecting Our Homes, Protecting Our Members — Estacia Brandenburg, Senior Client Executive, MJ Insurance (Bonneville Ballroom)

What are the biggest causes for claims? What can we do to prevent them, protecting our homes, students, and general stress levels in the process? Join MJ Insurance's Estacia Brandenburg for this deep dive into best practices to deploy in a proactive effort to prevent becoming a statistic.

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2:30pm – 4:30pm | The Work is Hard, But It Matters: Building and Teaching Resilience – Erin Fischer, Owner and CEO, The Leadership and Training Studio (Bonneville Ballroom)

Think about the past couple of years. Have you found yourself shocked or saddened? How did you handle it? Is there anything you wish you'd done differently, or find yourself longing for a permission slip? In this session, Erin will coach us on the art of being a rubber band and share resiliency hacks when "halts" are happening. (Psst...this session is going to be a game changer.)

5:00pm - 6:00pm | Day Two Reception (Summit View)

6:00pm - 10:00pm | A Night Out in Salt Lake City (On Your Own)

Tuesday, June 25 (School Spirit Day)

7:00am - 9:00am | Breakfast (Main Floor Restaurant, On Your Own)

9:00am - 9:30am | Commute to University of Utah and FamilySearch Library

9:30am – 11:30am (Alpha and Beta Groups) | Inside, Outside, Upside Down: The Scavenger Hunt – Jeff Peterson and Tim Stephenson, Assessment Division, CSL Management (Delta Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega, University of Utah)

With the health and safety of over 400 chapter houses assessed, Jeff and Tim know a thing or two because they've seen a thing or two. In this onsite experience, they'll teach us the fundamentals of the daily walk-through and what to be on the lookout for in and around the home. In the process, we'll share a friendly competition by seeking out and documenting challenges, opportunities, hazards, and red flags along the way. It's a real-world, hands and eyes-on experience for rookies and longtime house directors alike!

9:30am — 11:30am (Gamma Group) | Discovering My Family of Origin: FamilySearch Library Experience

This week is about family, focusing on the fundamentals of supporting young people who have left their family of origin looking for a family of choice. In that spirit, we're going to be exploring our own families of origin with a visit to the FamilySearch Library, the premier venue and data center of its kind in the world. Enjoy learning your family's story and more about a few of the characters who make you, well, you.

11:30am - 12:00pm (Gamma Group) | Attendees return from FamilySearch Library

12:00pm - 1:00pm | A Family Meal at the Chapter House

1:00pm — 2:30pm | Fire Safety Basics: Fire Drills, Fire Hazards, and Fire Prevention — Scott Burgess, Captain, Nashville Fire Department, and Trainer, Department of Homeland Security (University of Utah Chapter House)

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From lithium-ion batteries to daisy-chained extension cords to exits and drills, priority number one will always be keeping our members safe. To help in that effort, we are thrilled to welcome back fire safety expert, Scott Burgess, from the Nashville Fire Department and Department of Homeland Security training staff. You'll leave his session markedly better versed in all things fire and life safety.

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4:30pm - 5:00pm (Gamma Group) | Commute from University of Utah to Marriott

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6:00pm - 10:00pm A Night Out in Salt Lake City | On Your Own

Wednesday, June 26 (Moving Day)

7:00am - 9:00am | Breakfast (Main Floor Restaurant, On Your Own)

9:00am – 11:00am | Roots and Wings...Taking OUR Family of Choice Home to Those We Serve and Support – Dr. Mari Ann Callais, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, Delta Delta Women's Fraternity (Bonneville Ballroom)

This opportunity to support a family of choice? It's exciting. It's also challenging. But think about it, if the mountain was smooth, how would we climb it? Given our SLC scenery, that's actually a great question to ask as we prepare to take this experience home. In this engaging session, we welcome Dr. MAC back to the Sutherland Institute, where she'll be taking us on a journey to explore the value of family, the value

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of this adventure, the value of this experience, and the value of the homes in which it happens. Bring an extra bag, friends. You'll need an additional carry-on for all of Dr. MAC's takeaways.

11:15am — 12:00pm | Looking Back, Looking Ahead — Scott Fussell, Sutherland Institute Host (Bonneville Ballroom)

We'll put a bow on the 2024 installment of the Sutherland Institute with one more conversation, a graduation, and an invitation. Join us as we put the wraps on an incredible experience in Salt Lake City and look ahead to the 2025 Institute in...