



ADRP 2026

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Resilience and Reinvention
September 15–18, 2026

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | [Tuscany Registration](#)

Registration Desk Open

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Welcome Party

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM | [Tuscany Registration](#)

Registration Desk Open

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Breakfast

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Welcome and Opening Keynote

The Power of T: How Trust and Transparency Drive Transformational Impact

Kate Vitasek, University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Networking Break with Exhibitors

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Concurrent Sessions 1

1A | The Power of T: Barrier Busters | [Tuscany 3](#)

Kate Vitasek, University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business

1B | Reinventing Stewardship: Creating a Program to Steward and Cultivate Prospective Major Gift Donors | [Tuscany 4](#)

Katie Druckenmiller and Ali Jacobs Greenly, The Hill School

1C | Minding the Gap: Stewarding Affluence in an Era of Economic Disparity | [Tuscany 5](#)

Judith Katz, Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at Berkeley Law

1D | Navigating Uncertainty: Improv Tools for Building Adaptive Teams | [Tuscany 8](#)

Ciaran Bellwoar, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

1E | Closing the Credibility Gap: How Donor Relations Earns Its Seat at the Table | [Tuscany 9](#)

Mary Weingartner and Keelin Schneider, UNICEF USA

1F | The Art of Science Storytelling: Transform the Technical into the Compelling | [Tuscany 10](#)

Meg McAndrews, V Foundation for Cancer Research

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM | [Tuscany 8](#)

Awarded Software Demo | The Future of Donor Relations Tech with Awarded Software

Amaan Badruddin, Awarded Software

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Concurrent Sessions 2

2B | From Overlooked to Essential: Reimagining Mid-Level Donor Stewardship | [Tuscany 4](#)

Jeff Grandy, Catapult Fundraising

2C | Reinventing the Stewardship Matrix: A Three Tier Model for Agile, High Impact Stewardship for Small Teams | [Tuscany 5](#)

Samantha Martin, University of South Florida

2D | Individualized Stewardship Planning in Principle and Practice | [Tuscany 3](#)

Mary Weingartner, UNICEF USA

2E | Doing More with What You Have - Sustain, Refresh, Pilot | [Tuscany 9](#)

Eliza McNulty, Stanford University

2F | Rebalancing Partnerships: Modernizing Student Engagement and Donor Reporting | [Tuscany 10](#)

Rebekah Nowak and Justina Doyle, University of Chicago

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Lunch

1:15 PM – 1:45 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

FIELD Notes

Fundraising, Insights, Engagement, Learning, Donors

Adrian Sargeant, Institute for Sustainable Philanthropy and Eliza McNulty, Stanford University

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions 3

3A | Reinventing Donor Relations in an AI Era | [Tuscany 3](#)

Amy Ellis and Rachel Stark, Oregon State University Foundation

3B | Taking It Personal: Recognition That Resonates | [Tuscany 4](#)

McKennah Murdock, University of Florida

3C | Student Voice as Strategy: Innovating Donor Engagement for a Resilient Future | [Tuscany 5](#)

Kate Barlow, Dartmouth

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

3D | Beyond Governance: Transforming Board Members into Partners in Impact | [Tuscany 8](#)

Keri Kallaway, Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation

3E | Relationship Fundraising 3.0: Lessons from the New Science of Philanthropic Psychology | [Tucany 9](#)

Adrian Sargeant, Institute for Sustainable Philanthropy

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Networking Break with Exhibitors

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions 4

4A | Reinventing Stewardship: Resilient Donor Engagement Through Digital Reporting | [Tuscany 3](#)

Jennifer Smith Wyatt and Megan Johnson, University of Iowa Center for Advancement and Robb Hoffheins, Mythos

4B | Piecing It Together: How Resilient Partnerships and Reinvented Practices Meet Donor Expectations | [Tuscany 4](#)

Rosie Tarlton and Alyssa Cacini, Butler University

4C | ABCs of Stewardship: Planting, Growing, and Harvesting Meaningful Donor Relationships | [Tuscany 5](#)

Joni Jordan, Clemson University

4D | Beyond the Gift: Operationalizing Donor Intent for Stronger Fund Management | [Tuscany 8](#)

Matthew Cotty, Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association

4E | From Proposal to Impact: Cross Functional Collaboration in Major Gift Stewardship | [Tuscany 9](#)

Elaine Grant and Emma Thomas, University of Toronto

4F | Plan It Before You Promise It: Donor Relations and Campaign Readiness | [Tuscany 10](#)

Amanda Nakoneczny, University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Networking Reception

6:00 PM

Dine-Arounds

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM | [Tuscany Registration](#)

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Breakfast

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM | [Tuscany 3](#)

Mythos Demo | Dream Bigger: How a Stewardship Team Rebuilt Bucknell's Major Gift Proposals

Rob Hoffheins, Mythos and Jessica Owens Pastuszek, Bucknell University

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

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Cheryl Lintner, Awarded Software and Jon Budington, Mythos

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Networking Break with Exhibitors

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions 5

5A | The Science of Stewardship: Insights from a Year of Giving | [Tuscany 8](#)

Karin Smith and Kailyn Gramly, University of Colorado Anschutz

5B | From the Ground Up: Building a Donor Fund Compliance Program | [Tuscany 4](#)

Colton Withers, Donor Relations Group

5C | Stewardship Is the New Cultivation: Why Your Best Fundraising Strategy Is the One You Already Have | [Tuscany 5](#)

Chelsea Lamego, FundMiner

5D | Evolving Donor Engagement: Consultant Insights on What's Working and What's Not | [Tuscany 3](#)

Meg McAndrews, V Foundation for Cancer Research, Jessica Veitch, Donor Relations and Recognition Strategist, Angela Altamore, BWF Zuri, and Kathleen Diemer, KM Diemer Consulting

5E | From Engagement to Leadership: Finding Your Path within ADRP | [Tuscany 9](#)

Marian Johnson, Western University, Keri Kallaway, Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation, Mitra Keykhah, Northeastern University and Sara Moïse, Mythos

5F | Reimagining Scholarship Stewardship: Balancing Equity, Impact, and Donor Engagement | [Tuscany 10](#)

Katie Brayden, Colorado State University and Amaan Badruddin, Awarded Software

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM | [Tuscany Ballroom](#)

Lunch, International Stewardship Awards, Volunteer Service Awards, and Blair Scholarship Presentation

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions 6

6A | Engaging Donor Passion | [Tuscany 5](#)

Steve Abrahamson, National Audubon Society and Yvonne Garrett, O'Brien Garrett



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6B | The Retention Games: May the Donors Be Ever in Your Favor | Tuscany 4

Frank Mumford, Avid AI

6C | Scalable, Bespoke Stewardship in an Era of Reinvention Tuscany 3

Debra Liner and Chris Zukas, Duke University

6D | Update Your Events: Crafting Experiences That Engage the Next Generation of Donors | Tuscany 9

Michelle Gilmore, Fundraising Advisors, LLC

6E | The Courage to Lead Differently | Tuscany 8

Carrie Flood, Queen's University, Analisa Gama Aguilar, Rotary International, and Guycaelle Vaval, New York Botanical Garden

6F | The Years Between: High-Touch Stewardship During a Joint Campaign | Tuscany 10

Kim Johnson, Children's Health Dallas, TX and Cory Anderson, Overture

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Tuscany Ballroom

Networking Break with Exhibitors

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions 7

7A | The Reinvention Lab: Using Niche Research to Build Resilient Donor Relations Strategies | Tuscany 3

Sarah Brickman, V Foundation for Cancer Research and Macy Russell, Washington University in St. Louis, ADRP Research Committee

7B | Honoring Unseen Impact: Creating a Repeatable Stewardship Strategy for Planned Gift Donors | Tuscany 4

Julia McDaniel, Brown University

7C | TechXchange: Your Guide to Tech-Enabled Resilience and Reinvention | Tuscany 9

Sara Moise, Mythos

7D | From Silos to Strategy: Aligning Stewardship Across a Matrixed Advancement Organization | Tuscany 8

Brina Moore, Indiana University Foundation

7E | From Silos to Stewardship: Reimagining Scholarship Administration for Donor Impact | Tuscany 5

Kristi Larabee and Taylor Wey, University of South Florida

7F | Beyond Touchpoints: Designing 1:1 Personalized Stewardship Plans for Major & Principal Gift Donors Tuscany 10

Ashley Russell and Devyn Cima, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

6:00 PM

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Botanical Garden Tour*

**Pre-registration required*

6:00 PM

Dine-Arounds

6:30 PM

Nevada Museum of Art Guided Tour*

**Pre-registration required*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Tuscany Registration

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Tuscany Ballroom

Breakfast and Prize Drawing

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM | Tuscany Ballroom

Networking Break with Exhibitors

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Concurrent Sessions 8

8A | Innovation with Integrity: Donor Relations in the Age of AI | Tuscany 3

Megan Christopherson, University of Florida

8B | Catalyzing Change: How a Science Museum Is Working Across Teams to Rebuild Donor Trust and Reignite Impact Tuscany 4

Noël Schiber, Saint Louis Science Center

8C | An Attitude of Gratitude: How to Create a Day of Stewardship | Tuscany 5

Jamal Barone, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation

8D | From 56% to 99%: How UC Riverside Transformed Impact Reporting in One Cycle | Tuscany 9

Ian Foster, University of California - Riverside and Chelsea Lamego, FundMiner

8F | From Intake to Impact: Building a Strategic Gift Announcement Process | Tuscany 10

Matt Mortier, Michigan State University and Matthew Helmer, Donor Relations Group

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions 9

9A | The State of Nonprofit Fundraising in 2026: From Static Reports to Real-Time Strategy | Tuscany 4

Frank Mumford, Avid AI

9B | Putting Practice into Policy | Tuscany 3

Jessica Veitch, Donor Relations and Recognition Strategist and Megan Racicot, The Ottawa Hospital Foundation

9C | A DR Guide to Putting Out Fires (While Sitting in One) Tuscany 9

Emily Thornton, Stanford University

9E | Fractional, Consultant, Freelancer, Part-Time: How to Get What You Really Need | Tuscany 5

Kathleen Diemer, KM Diemer Consulting

12:10 PM – 12:45 PM | Tuscany Ballroom

Closing Remarks

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