

2024 MLK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13



STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JAN 13, 11:30AM-4:30PM

SESSIONS:

- Organizing, Advocacy and Agency through Student Leadership
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Student Leadership
- The Nuts and Bolts of Leading on Campus

UIC DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION WEEK
JAN 13-18, 2024

DETAILS: go.uic.edu/MLKconference



SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

11:00 AM	Check In, Refreshments, and Mingle	Illinois Room
11:30 AM	Lunch and Keynote Address	Illinois Room
12:45 PM	Breakout Session 1	Various Rooms
1:45 PM	Breakout Session 2	Various Rooms
2:45 PM	Breakout Session 3	Various Rooms
3:45 PM	Closing Session: Carrying it Forward	Illinois Room

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Nick Daily



Nick Daily (He/They) is the Founder and CEO of LuvServedDaily Consulting. Nick Daily is a Black Queer person whose values are LuvServedDaily. Love is the commitment to a person developing to their fullest capacity. He has been doing workshops, training, consultative, and support work for nearly 15 years. Most recently, they served as Chief Diversity Officer for a large community college in California. Nick volunteers as President of the Board of Directors for Joshua Home: An LGBTQ Safe Haven, supporting homeless and LGBTQ+ youth. He loves playing and watching friends/family play video games, karaoke, and road cycling! Throughout life and career, they center the humanity and dignity of everyone they cross paths with. This philosophy carries throughout the style and content of the diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops Nick Daily provides on college campuses and organizations throughout the country.

TRACK: THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF LEADING ON CAMPUS

White Oak Room

Session 1: 12:45pm – 1:30pm

How To Successfully Recruit, Retain, and Facilitate in your Student Organization

Nehemiah Chung, Director of Student Transitions and Engagement & Commuter Student Advocacy

How do we recruit new members? How do you run an efficient meeting? How do we keep students and grow as an organization? Learn various ways to bring your student organization to the next level!

Session 2: 1:45pm – 2:30pm

How to Make it Happen On-Campus: Collaborating and Learning Through and Across Differences

Kevin Cane, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life

Participants will practice active listening with one another and thoughtfully learn more about one another, engaging with those from student organization groups/types other than their own, and enhancing their strategic collaborations and understanding across valuable differences.

Session 3: 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Event Planning 101

Vanesa Velazquez, Assistant Director for the Center for Student Involvement

Tailored for UIC student leaders eager to elevate their event coordination skills. This session will delve into the fundamental principles of successful event planning, covering key aspects such as strategic pre-event preparation, effective organization, and post-event evaluation. Through real-life case studies and interactive discussions, participants will gain valuable insights into creating memorable and impactful experiences for their campus communities. From conceptualizing creative themes to managing logistics and ensuring inclusive engagement, this presentation aims to empower student leaders with the tools and knowledge needed to plan and execute successful events that leave a lasting impression.

**TRACK: JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
(JEDI) IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Illinois C Room

Session 1: 12:45pm – 1:30pm

Thriving in Transition: Understanding and Embracing the Involvement of Transfer and Sophomore Students into the Life of Your Organization or Campus Activity

Kelly McCray, Executive Director, Student Transitions and Connections

Participants will enhance their knowledge about the experiences of Transfer and Sophomore Students as well as identify concrete ways to more fully welcome them into membership and active involvement within a student organization or campus activity.

Session 2: 1:45pm – 2:30pm

Exploring the Complexities of Identities in Leadership

Rae Joyce Baguilat, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

Participants will learn about how different identities affect student involvement and leadership and how to more concretely promote and practice JEDI concepts in student organizations, work, class, and in the community.

Session 3: 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Creating Place: The Role of Student Organizations in Building “Beloved Community”

Allen Womble, Director of High Impact Student Experiences and Interim Director of Center for Student Involvement

Student organizations have long been important arbiters of community on campus. Learn strategies to become catalysts for community building on campus through your student organization roles.

**TRACK: ORGANIZING, ADVOCACY, AND AGENCY
THROUGH STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Cardinal Room

Session 1: 12:45pm – 1:30pm

Fireside Chat with the Keynote Speaker

Nick Daily, Founder and CEO of LuvServedDaily Consulting

Delve deeper into the concepts of the Keynote Address. Participants will have an opportunity to also ask more specific questions

Session 2: 1:45pm – 2:30pm

Open Expression at UIC

Joy Vergara, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Engagement

Participants will enhance their knowledge about Open Expression, First Amendment, and de-escalation techniques.

Session 3: 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Bringing Your Full Self to Community Organizing and the Classroom

Veronica Arreola, Director of Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Initiatives

There is a stereotype that universities are disconnected from their neighborhood communities. UIC can be different... come learn how to pull your lived experiences into your academic work. As a Hispanic Serving and Asian American Serving Institution, UIC student leaders should be comfortable with both incorporating lived experiences into their scholarly work and academic work into their community organizing.