Fall In-Service – Stuttgart Campus
Agenda
Friday, October 23, 2026

9:30 – 9:45	**Welcome and Announcements** Welcome: Dr. Keith Pinchback Updates: Monica Quattlebaum Registration Updates: Michelle Waites HR Updates: Rhonda St. Columbia	Salon A
9:45 – 10:45	**Opening Session - Faculty and Advisors** **From Classroom to Career: What Employers Need Now** Presenter: Dr. Kim Kirby What skills and qualities are employers looking for in today's workforce? Join local business and industry leaders for an engaging panel discussion exploring the skills, habits, and competencies employers value most, along with common areas where new hires may need improvement. The discussion will connect employer expectations to the **NACE Career Readiness Competencies** and highlight ways faculty and staff can help prepare students for career success. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable insights directly from local employers. Panelist included: Dr. KC Capers, Riceland Foods, Director of Training and Culture George Galloway, Adams Fertilizer Equipment, Vice President Kris Lindsey, Producers Rice Mill, HR Leni Nickas, Lennox Industries, HR Generalist Dr. Casey Rockwell, Asst. Dir. School of Business UALR & owner, Rockwell Ford	Salon A
9:45 – 10:45	**Opening Session – College Staff** **Building the Ideal Employee** Presenters: Christina Garner and Vicky Gregory Grab your markers and get creative! In this interactive team-building activity, staff will work together to design their version of the "ideal employee," exploring the qualities that make someone a great coworker and valuable team member. Through collaboration, discussion, and self-reflection, participants will discover practical ways to strengthen those same qualities in themselves and contribute to a more positive, productive workplace.	Salon B
10:45 – 11:00	**Break**	
11:00 – 11:45	**Breakout Session #1** Participants will attend one of the sessions from the list.	See Session List
11:45 – 12:30	**Working Lunch: Enrollment Trends and New Marketing Strategies**	Salon A
12:30 – 1:15	**Breakout Session #2** Participants will attend one of the sessions from the list.	See Session List
1:15 – 1:30	**Wrap Up and Door Prizes**	Salon A

Breakout Sessions

Session Title	Session Description	Location
Innovation Lab Presented by: Dr. Kim Kirby	**Option for Breakout Session 1 Only** This interactive session will build on the ideas shared during the opening session. Participants will divide into faculty and staff groups to brainstorm practical and innovative ways to integrate the skills, competencies, and habits shared in the panel discussion.	GPC Salon A
Deskercise: Take a Break, Get Moving! Presented by: Alta Lockley, AR County Co-op Extension Office	Get moving without leaving your workspace! This interactive session will demonstrate simple exercises and stretches that can be done at your desk or in your office. Learn easy ways to incorporate movement into your workday to reduce stress, improve flexibility, increase energy, and promote overall wellness.	GPC Salon B
What Does Authentic Interaction Look Like? Presented by: Scott Gunem	Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) and Beyond: This discussion-based session will examine the current state of RSI in online instruction, including best practices, and explore future paths leading to more robust student engagement.	GPC Classroom B
Clear Minds, Safe Campus: Empowering College Employees to Address Substance Abuse Presented by: Valerie Bloesch	This session will provide college employees with practical information and guidance on recognizing, responding to, and reporting substance misuse on campus. The training will focus on promoting a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for students and employees. Participants will learn to: • Recognize warning signs of substance misuse on campus. • Respond professionally and confidentially. • Apply PCCUA's policy and reporting process. • Identify campus and community support resources.	GPC Classroom C
AI at Work: Smarter Tools, Better Possibilities Presented by: Charlotte Purdy	Discover how artificial intelligence can help you work smarter, save time, and simplify everyday tasks. This engaging session will explore practical ways to use AI to improve communication, organize information, generate ideas, and tackle workplace challenges. Participants will also learn effective prompting strategies, recognize AI's limitations, and explore ethical and responsible AI use. Come discover how AI can make a difference in your daily work!	GPC Classroom A
Tech Tune-Up: Blackboard & Respondus Updates Presented by: Amy Hudman	Join this session for a look at new and updated features in Blackboard and Respondus. We'll explore recent changes, highlight helpful tools, and share tips and tricks to help you navigate these platforms. This session will help you stay up to date and make the most of the technology available to support your teaching.	GPC Classroom D
Staff Senate and Shared Governance at PCCUA Present by: Doug Bielemeier Jessica Hindsley	Learn more about PCCUA's Staff Senate, its purpose, goals, and opportunities for employee involvement. This session will explore how Staff Senate can bring employees together through activities, collaboration, and shared ideas that encourage engagement, strengthen working relationships, and build a stronger sense of community across all college campuses.	GPC Meeting Room