

Convocation - Professional Development

Spring 2026 Convocation Week

Registration

Employees should register for all Convocation Week sessions in PeopleSoft, using the Professional Development Event Registration Tile. If you have questions or need assistance, please email the Empirical Educator Center at empiricaled@lee.edu.

Attendance

Whenever possible, convocation events should be attended in person. Virtual options are intended for employees located at the Lee College Huntsville Center.

Time	Mon. Jan. 5	Tue. Jan. 6	Wed. Jan. 7	Thu. Jan. 8	Fri. Jan. 9
7:30 a.m.			7:30-8:30 a.m.		
8 a.m.			Kick-Off Breakfast - Dr. Villanueva PAC lobby		8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Student Travel Training - Dr. Norris
8:30 a.m.			8:30-10 a.m.	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Kelli Forde
9 a.m.	9-11 a.m. (Faculty)	9-11 a.m. (Faculty)	Welcome Discourse	9-10 a.m.	Spiers,
9:30 a.m.	Assessment Session A - Dr. Walcerz - Business Technology - Computer Technology - Industrial Studies	Assessment Session C - Dr. Walcerz - English Humanities - Social & Behavioral Science - Visual & Performing Arts	Back de Bienvenida Dr. Villanueva PAC - Dr. Villanueva - Dr. Haddick - McNulty- - Haddick - S01 ACUE Faculty Recognition	English Colloquium - Thomas Quinn - McNulty- - Haddick Anytime, Anywhere! Free On-Demand PD - Karen Guthmiller - Teresa Lattier - Tucker Hall	- Thomas Quinn - McNulty- - Haddick E55
10 a.m.	Process Technology - Technical Studies - McNulty- - Haddick - E55	English Humanities - Social & Behavioral Science - Visual & Performing Arts - McNulty- - Haddick - E55	8:30-10 a.m. Safety and Emergency Management Update - Tom Quinn - PAC	10-11 a.m. Professional Boundaries: The Key to Healthy Faculty-Student Relationships - Sarah Cummings	

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				McNulty-Haddick E51	
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	
	Academic Integrity Tools at Lee College Ensuring Authentic Assessments	New Employment Orientation	'What's New in Blackboard' Lunch	Red Folder Initiatives	
	- Nicole Tunmire - Eric Gudmundson - Cassandra McNulty - Haddick-Cassandra Bell - McNulty-Haddick - E53	- Nicole Tunmire - Eric Gudmundson - Cassandra McNulty - Haddick - E53	Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	- Dr. Rosemary Coffman - The CARES Team - McNulty-Haddick - E53	
12 p.m.					
12:30 p.m.					
1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	1-2:30 p.m.	1-2 p.m.	
	Assessment Session B	Assessment Session D	Faculty Update Assembly	Faculty Boost Score, Boost Student Access with Ally in Blackboard	Let's Talk: Updates & Q&A
	- Dr. Walcerz - PBS (Physical & Biological Sciences) - Biology - Environmental Science - Chemistry	- Dr. Walcerz - Kinesiology - Addiction Counseling - Speech - Language - Teacher Education	- Dr. Covestro - Norris Tucker - Hall	- Jenise Gilbert - Paula Lee - McNulty-Haddick - E55	- Vanessa Cubides - Paula Covestro
2 p.m.					
2:30 p.m.					
	Geology - Math - Engineering - Physics &	Learning Frameworks - McNulty-Haddick - E55	2:45-3:45 p.m. Faculty Assembly - Tucker - Hall		

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	Computer Science McNulty- Haddick E55				
3 p.m. 3:30 p.m.		3:15-4 p.m. Facilities Update - Phillip Handley McNulty- Haddick E55			
4 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	5:30-9 p.m. * Adjunct Faculty Dinner and PD			4-7 p.m. Spring Kick- Off - Michael Pounds Student Center	
7-9 p.m.	Dr. Norris McNulty- Haddick SO1 *Instructional designers will be on hand to provide training on the Learning Management System & Simple Syllabus until 9 p.m.				

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All Faculty Staff Admin Staff & Nursing English Math &
Employees Only Only Only Admin Faculty Faculty Technical

Full Schedule

Mon., Jan. 5

9-11 a.m.

(Faculty)

Assessment Session A

- Dr. Walcerz
- Business Technology
- Computer Technology
- Industrial Studies
- Process Technology
- Technical Studies

McNulty-Haddick E55

Faculty members will meet with their division in McNulty-Haddick, Room E55, to review student learning assessment data from last year and prepare a short-written report containing recommendations for program improvement for the upcoming year(s).

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Academic Integrity Tools at Lee College: Ensuring Authentic Assessments

- Cassandra Bell

McNulty-Haddick E53

Discover the academic integrity tools available at the college for student and faculty use. Respondus, Honorlock with Live Pop-in, and Turnitin with Clarity will be presented and discussed.

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

New Employee Orientation

- Nicole Tunmire

McNulty-Haddick S01

From key policies, procedures, and benefits to introductions with critical departments and services, New Employees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the college's mission, values, and organizational culture.

1-3 p.m. (Faculty)

Assessment Session B

- Dr. Walcerz
- PBS (Physical & Biological Sciences)
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Chemistry
- Geology
- Math

- Engineering
 - Physics & Computer Science
- McNulty-Haddick E55

Faculty will meet with their division in McNulty-Haddick – E55 to review student learning assessment data from last year and prepare a short-written report containing recommendations for program improvement for the upcoming year(s).

5:30-9 p.m.*

Adjunct Faculty Dinner and PD

- Dr. Norris

McNulty-Haddick SO1

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*Hosted by Quality Service

Tue., Jan. 6

9-11 a.m.

(Faculty)

Assessment Session C

- Dr. Walcerz
- English Humanities
- Social & Behavioral Science
- Visual & Performing Arts

McNulty-Haddick E55

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11 a.m.-12 p.m.

'What's new in Blackboard'

- Eric Gudmundson (Anthology)
- Cassandra Bell

McNulty-Haddick E53

Join the Blackboard team for a presentation and discussion of new features in Blackboard Ultra. A Q&A session will follow the presentation and all faculty and staff are welcome.

1-3 p.m.

(Faculty)

Assessment Session D

- Dr. Walcerz
- Kinesiology
- Addiction Counseling

- Speech
 - Language
 - Teacher Education
 - Learning Frameworks
- McNulty-Haddick E55

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3:15-4 p.m.

Facilities Update

- Phillip Handley
- McNulty-Haddick E55

This session will provide an update on campus facilities, including recent improvements, ongoing projects, and planned enhancements to our physical spaces and infrastructure.

Wed., Jan. 7

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Kick-Off Breakfast

- Dr. Villanueva
- PAC lobby
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8:30-10 a.m.

Welcome-Back Address

- Dr. Villanueva
- PAC
-

8:30-10 a.m.

ACUE Faculty Recognition

PAC

8:30-10 a.m.

Discurso de bienvenida

(En Español)

- Dr. Villanueva
- McNulty-Haddick S01
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10:30-11 a.m.

Safety and Emergency Management Update

- Tom Quinn
- PAC
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Doors will open at

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lunch

Gym

1-2:30 p.m.

Faculty Update

- Dr. Norris

Tucker Hall

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Staff Assembly

Covestro

2:45-3:45 p.m.

Faculty Assembly

Tucker Hall

4-7 p.m.

Spring Kick-Off

- Michael Pounds

Student Center

Thu., Jan. 8

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

English Colloquium

- Javier Ramirez

McNulty-Haddick S01

The Spring 2026 English and Humanities Colloquium will explore innovative teaching strategies for adult learners. Featuring a dynamic faculty panel, the event will share engaging assignment ideas and instructional tools while examining how generative AI and chatbots can serve as creative, collaborative partners in English and interdisciplinary learning environments.

9-10 a.m.

Learn Anytime, Anywhere: Free On-Demand PD

- Karen Guthmiller

- Teresa Lattier

Tucker Hall

This session introduces the college community to an opportunity via the ACUE Commons called Endorsements. We invite you to come and learn about this!

10-11 a.m.

Professional Boundaries: The Key to Healthy Faculty-Student Relationships

- Sarah Cummings

McNulty-Haddick E51

This session will provide an overview of the professional boundaries between faculty and students, examining the ethical standards that govern academic relationships, appropriate interactions both in and outside the classroom, and strategies for maintaining a respectful learning environment while supporting student success.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Red Folder Initiatives

- Dr. Rosemary Coffman
 - The CARES Team
- McNulty-Haddick E53

The Red Folder (CARES Folder) Initiative is a guide to help faculty and staff recognize, respond effectively to, and refer distressed students to the appropriate resources at Lee College. Being aware of distress signals, ways to intervene and available resources will help you respond effectively to a student who needs help.

1-2 p.m.

Boost Your Score, Boost Student Access: Using Ally in Blackboard

- Jenise Gilbert
- Paula Lee

McNulty-Haddick E55

Learn how to make your Blackboard courses more accessible with Ally. This session will show you how to check your accessibility score, remediate course resources, and raise your score — ensuring that your course is more inclusive and accessible to all students.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Let's Talk: Updates & Q&A with the President's Office

- Vanessa Cubides
- Covestro

This session, led by staff from the President's Office, provides administrative professionals with practical information about new initiatives and updated processes designed to improve campus-wide efficiency. Topics include strategic calendar planning, meeting request procedures, event coordination, and other operational changes. The format includes a brief presentation with opportunities for questions throughout, followed by open discussion addressing common procedural concerns such as transmittals, signatures, and accessing resources on SharePoint. Multiple team members will be available to provide specialized perspectives. Participants are encouraged to share feedback and discuss what additional resources would be valuable as the President's Office works to serve as an ongoing resource for professional development and process improvement.

Fri., Jan. 9

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Student Travel Training

- Dr. Norris
- Kelli Forde Spiers,
- Thomas Quinn

McNulty-Haddick E55

This will be an information session hosted by the International Education Committee for any faculty or employees interested in leading student tours, either in the U.S. or abroad. Topics will include how to plan a trip for/with students, create a proposal, and recruit travelers.