Overview: Every campus needs the wisdom and gifts of a student life officer who watches over the student body as a shepherd and manages the many diverse activities with finesse. From campus safety, security and health to campus morale and spiritual vitality — the opportunities are abundant and a plethora of challenges. Sharpen your SDO leadership with these distinguished campus leaders.

8:00 – 8:15 WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

8:15 – 9:30 SESSION 1 — SAFEGUARDING & CULTIVATING CAMPUS CULTURE DURING CRISIS
PRESENTER: KIRK SABINE, VP FOR CAMPUS LIFE — KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY (NB)
Overview: On a good day, the SDO ensures the safety and security of students while creatively cultivating campus morale. How has this changed during the pandemic and what have we learned about these core SDO responsibilities during crises. Consider . . .
▶ Effectively handling flash points during a crisis — proactive poise
▶ Monitoring campus morale and keeping spirits up during dark days
▶ Reinventing student health and safety services during duress
▶ Student relationships & communications — what’s different and not during crises

9:30 – 10:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK — REGENCY FOYER

10:15 – 11:45 SESSION 2 — CREATING COMMUNITY WITH OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS
PRESENTER: AMY HUBER, VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT — PILLAR COLLEGE
Overview: The growing reality of many ABHE institutions reflects an increasing percentage of a non-traditional and diverse student populations living off-campus. Connections are vital for both retention and cultivating a sense of community with the campus. What are creative ways to stimulate these relationships.
▶ Understanding the unique needs of adult and diverse off-campus and online students
▶ Building bridges of connection and authentic relationships
▶ Leveraging technology to enhance student interaction and engagement
▶ Creative leadership from the student development office

12:00 – 1:00 BUFFET LUNCH — REGENCY FOYER

1:00 – 2:15 SESSION 3 — SHEPHERDING THE SPIRITUAL VITALITY OF YOUR CAMPUS
PRESENTER: SONJA VERNON, VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS – GOD’S BIBLE SCHOOL & COLLEGE
Overview: The student body of our institutions is a gracious gift of God with a commensurate responsibility to nourish their spiritual transformation. The spiritual vitality of campus is an indispensable part of that process. So how do spiritually focused student development leaders stoke the fires of God’s transforming Presence day after day. Explore . . .
▶ Engaging the entire campus for spiritual renewal and vitality
▶ Creating spiritually focused relationships & conversations
▶ Addressing spiritual vitality killers — it happens
▶ Creating spaces & times for spiritual renewal and refreshing

2:15 – 3:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK — REGENCY FOYER

3:00 – 4:15 SESSION 4 — EMPOWERING STUDENT LEADERSHIP THROUGH SOCIAL TUMULT & CRISES
PRESENTER: RICK SWIFT, DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE — COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Overview: Developing student leaders is one of the greatest legacy points for distinguished student development officers. What has happened to this dynamic during the pandemic and in response to pressing social issues? Consider ways to pivot and re-invent student leadership development during crises, including . . .
▶ Finding new roles and places of service
▶ Empowering student initiatives and ideas
▶ Changing strategy to meet new realities
▶ Identifying student leaders who emerge during crises

4:15 – 4:30 WRAP UP

6:00 – 8:30 CONNECTIONS DINNER — SAK COMEDY LAB — SPONSORED BY COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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