

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT LEADERS FORUM

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 15, 2023



FACILITATOR | RICK SWIFT — VICE PRESIDENT & DEAN OF STUDENTS | CAIRN UNIVERSITY

Overview: The quality of campus life is perhaps the greatest overlooked treasure of most institutions. SDO's bear a unique responsibility for this and could nourish campus culture for maximum student development and optimal student experience. Learn together from the experience of distinguished student development leaders. Sharpen your grasp of key issues to lead your campus well.

7:00 – 8:00 **Forum buffet breakfast — Regency foyer | Sponsored by Campus**

8:00 – 8:15 **Welcome & Introductions**

8:15 – 9:30 **SESSION 1 — CREATING TEAM SYNERGY WITH THE PRESIDENT & CABINET**

Presenter: Kirk Sabine | Vice President for Campus Life — Kingswood University (NB)

Overview: Few things can amplify the influence and effectiveness of a student development leader like team synergy. When the results are greater than the sum of the parts — everyone wins, and energy moves to a new level. Consider how team synergy is built and sustained with a distinguished student development leader

- ▶ Team synergy — knowing its value & how it works
- ▶ Building synergy above, around and within your sphere of influence — seize the initiative
- ▶ The role of communication — an irreplaceable art

9:30 – 10:15 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer | Sponsored by Blackbaud**

10:15 – 11:45 **SESSION 2 — THE CALLING & ART OF STUDENT DISCIPLING**

Presenter: Gary Stratton | Prof. of Spiritual Formation & Cultural Leadership, Johnson University (TN)

Overview: Jesus' commission to make disciples is not only the heart of student development, it was also the heart of our Savior's strategic decision to found a rabbinic 'college' before he even established his church. Explore the upward/downward journey Jesus utilized to guide his followers from student to disciple, and how it applies to our work with students today.

- ▶ Helping students climb toward a higher commitment — loving God and others with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength
- ▶ Helping students descend into a deeper experience of the intimate, transforming, and other-centered love of God
- ▶ Helping faculty, staff, and students foster a life-changing "climbing community"

12:00 – 1:00 **Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer**

1:00 – 2:15 **SESSION 3 — MEETING & EXCEEDING 1ST-YEAR STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Presenter: Josh Beers | President, OneLife Institute (PA)

Overview: There's no test of recruitment and retention effectiveness like how well student expectations are met during their 1st year. It's the major predictor of graduation and worthy of serious pursuit. Dig into these important dynamics with a passionate student experience leader.

- ▶ Setting expectations & delivering — a winning strategy that involves the entire campus
- ▶ Connections and relationships — the authenticity that differentiates your campus
- ▶ Defining the wins and owning the misses — understand what success is and how even your mistakes can enhance the student experience through authenticity and ownership
- ▶ Setting expectations of students — a missing piece of many institutions

2:15 – 3:00 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer | Sponsored by Alliance Defending Freedom**

3:00 – 4:15 **SESSION 4 — POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR HARASSMENT, ASSAULT, INJURY & SUICIDE**

Presenter: Rick Swift | Vice President & Dean of Students, Cairn University (PA)

Overview: With greater sensitivity and responsibility for campus safety and security, how do wise SDO's handle situations involving harassment, assault, injury or suicide? From the timely first response to government compliance, what are principles and lessons that should guide our actions. Consider prudent insights from a seasoned campus leader walking this road.

- ▶ Staying prepared — policies & procedures
- ▶ Effective care & communications — to whom, when & how
- ▶ Protecting the injured & innocent — proactive care
- ▶ Staying compliant — guidelines that matter

4:15 – 4:30 **Wrap Up**

6:00 – 8:30 **CONNECTIONS DINNER — Ballroom B/C/D | Sponsored by Weave and In His Name HR**