Overview:

An ideal campus life offers many experiences and relationships that form the highlight of a student’s journey. Great institutions have campus leaders who proactively cultivate a flourishing campus environment marked by spiritual vibrancy. They enjoy the blessings of a healthy and safe climate that feed lifelong friendships and precious memories. Let’s look more closely at the facets of a flourishing campus and serve our students well.

7:00 – 8:00
Forum Buffet Breakfast — Regency Foyer

8:00 – 8:15
Welcome & Introductions

8:15 – 9:30
SESSION 1 — EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE RESIDENCE STUDENT LIFE TEAM
Presenter: Kirk Sabine, Vice President for Campus Life | Kingswood University

Overview:

Few things contribute so directly to an enriched campus life like a highly effective residence life team. And rarely does this happen by accident. Someone has crafted a plan, cultivated the right team, and provided inspiring leadership on a consistent basis. So why not you? Think together with a veteran distinguished student development leader who has led numerous resident life teams across many years. Tap his wisdom and take your team higher.

► Catching the vision of an enriched campus life and resident life leadership
► Providing training with clarity of roles and responsibilities — details matter
► Leading your team with inspiration, accountability, solutions, and expectancy

9:30 – 10:15
Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer

10:15 – 11:45
SESSION 2 — TAPPING THE MORALE WELLSPRING OF ATHLETIC PROGRAMS
Presenter: Dan Wood, Executive Director | National Christian College Athletic Association

Overview:

While athletic programs can become the tail that wags the dog, many institutions enjoy an incredible morale boost from the campus energy generated from their athletic program. What’s the secret to building programs that boost campus morale. What have we learned about dangers to this dynamic? What is required by leaders to chart the right course? Learn from an expert in collegiate athletics and enjoy the overflow of tapping this morale wellspring.

► Unpacking the campus dynamics of collegiate sports — the power of it’s leavening
► Knowing how smart campus leaders cultivate high morale with healthy programs
► Dealing wisely with threats to campus morale through athletic programs gone awry

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

1:00 – 2:15
SESSION 3 — CULTIVATING A CAMPUS FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION
Presenter: Charity Williams, Director of Student Care | Highlands College

Overview:

The promise of almost every ABHE institutional mission statement assumes student transformation. However, we humbly admit that only God can do what we aspire or promise to happen in our students’ lives. But that’s a very proactive position as we passionately pursue many ways to stimulate and nourish the spiritual transformation of our students by the grace and power of his Holy Spirit. Think creatively with a campus spiritual life leader and lean into your own campus’ spiritual vibrancy with fresh passion and insight.

► Considering the role and opportunities of the campus spiritual life leader — spiritual oversight
► Following the Spirit’s lead and prompting for feeding the spiritual hunger of students — spiritual care
► Shepherding the spiritual transformation of every student — a shepherd’s heart

2:15 – 3:00
Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer

3:00 – 4:15
SESSION 4 — A HEALTHY CAMPUS IS A FUN CAMPUS — JOY AND LAUGHTER IS GOOD
Presenter: Rick Swift, Vice President and Dean of Students | Cairn University

Overview:

Academic programs can be a pressure cooker experience for students. Between papers, exams, class work and extra curricula demands, a semester is often marked by student exhaustion that can lead to unhealthy choices. Student development leaders learn how to appropriate inject laughter and fun into campus life that can lift students’ spirits and help them better manage the stress of their work. Consider the opportunities with an humorous veteran as to how he has brought laughter into student life . . . and explore creative ideas of your own.

► Acknowledging the essential role of laughter and joy in campus life
► Creating space for laughter and joy — planned and serendipitous
► Setting an example — not taking yourself too seriously, laughing often
► Brainstorming (and laughing) together about the remaining weeks of spring

4:15 – 4:30
Wrap Up

6:00 – 8:30
CONNECTIONS DINNER — Ballroom B/C/D