

Student Success Analytics Summit 2026

Time	Event	Location	
8:00–9:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	Executive Dining Room	
9:00–9:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks — Liz Hess (CIO) and Paul Tesluk (Provost), Bentley University	Executive Dining Room	
9:15–9:50 AM	Opening Keynote: Data that Matter: Strategies for Turning Data into Stronger Student Outcomes — Timothy M. Renick, Ph.D. (Founding Executive Director, NISS; Professor, Georgia State University)	Executive Dining Room	
9:50–10:15 AM	Fireside Chat + Audience Q&A with Dr. Renick — Moderator: Rahat Sabyrbekov, Data Scientist, Office of Student Success, Bentley University	Executive Dining Room	
10:15–10:30 AM	Break		
10:30–11:20 AM	Themed Session Presentations I (Concurrent)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating and Expanding the Academic Alert Initiative — Christiane Healey & Alesia Brennan, UMass Amherst 	Room 325 A	Track 2 — Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-Impact Academic Intervention to Promote First-Generation, Limited-Income Academic Performance, Belonging, and Career Outcomes — Andrew “Drew” Barksdale & Linda Boardman Liu, Boston College 	Room 325 B	Track 2 — Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Insight to Action: Designing Courses for Student Success — Melissa Hey & Elena Rinaldi, Bentley University 	Room 325 C	Track 3 — Transforming Learning Through Analytic Insights
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable: Student Success Is Shifting — Are You Seeing the Signals? — Kim Arnold, PhD, EDUCAUSE 	Room 335	Track 3 — Transforming Learning Through Analytic Insights
11:35 AM–1:05 PM	Lunch + Featured Panel: Student Success Analytics: Strategy, Operations, and Impact — Moderator: Edlira Stefani (Bentley). Panelists: Erin Kelley (Bentley), Becky Frieden (NYIT), Phil Ahn (Babson), Laura M. Gambino (NECHE), Bonnie Galinski (Salem State).		
1:05–1:15 PM	Break		
1:15–2:05 PM	Themed Session Presentations II (Concurrent)		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Leading Change: Cultivating a Data Culture for Student Success</i> — Jane De León Griffin, Rachel Penn, Annie Raunika, Leela Munagapati, Bentley University 	Room 325 A	Track 4 — Institutional Leadership & Strategic Decision-Making
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enhancing Student Success through Data-Driven Insights</i> — Dennis Ikpe, Binghamton University 	Room 325 B	Track 2 — Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Operationalizing Student Success at Scale: From Value to Strategy, Systems, and Execution</i> — Colin David Pears, University of New England 	Room 325 C	Track 4 — Institutional Leadership & Strategic Decision-Making
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>From Placement to Progress: Using ALEKS PPL to Drive First-Year Math Student Success</i> — Patrick “PJ” Dickson & Gregory Vaughan, Bentley University 	Room 335	Track 2 — Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
2:05–2:15 PM	Break		
2:15–3:05 PM	Themed Session Presentations III (Concurrent)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organizing Student Data for Impact: Building Capacity for Actionable Insight in Student Success</i> — Megan Williams, Samuel Ohannesian, Megan Miller, Salem State University 	Room 325 A	Track 1 — Transforming Analytics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable: <i>Making Sense of Student Support Data: A Navigate360 Roundtable</i> — Jamie Bang (Bentley) & Angie Natoli Marin (EAB) 	Room 335	Track 2 — Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Experience Gap: Using AI to Understand What Students Expect and Where We Fall Short</i> — Jessica Schein, Ian Lever & Meggan Muller, Accenture 	Room 325 B	Track 4 — Institutional Leadership & Strategic Decision-Making
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Predicting the Path: Building Bentley’s First Student Success Predictive Model</i> — Gabrielle Friedman, Nathan Carter, Rahat Sabyrbekov, Gregory Vaughan, Bentley University 	Room 325 C	Track 1 — Transforming Analytics
3:05–3:15 PM	Break		
3:15–3:30 PM	Introduction of Closing Keynote	Executive Dining Room	
3:30–4:00 PM	Closing Keynote: <i>Reflections on Building a Data-Driven Student Success Ecosystem at Bentley University</i> — Jane De León Griffin, Associate Provost for Student Success, Bentley University	Executive Dining Room	

Time	Event	Location	
4:00–5:30 PM	Poster Session & Cocktail Hour	Faculty Dining Room	

Track Legend

Track 1	Transforming Analytics
Track 2	Strategic Advising & Intervention Design
Track 3	Transforming Learning Through Analytic Insights
Track 4	Institutional Leadership & Strategic Decision-Making