



Monday, August 17, 2026: ElevateEDU Schedule

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No coffee bar will be available.

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Session Title: Beyond the Classroom: Building Community Connections That Recruit Presenter: Joe DeLeon Session Description: Participants will learn practical strategies for building trust within communities, creating impactful partnerships, and developing outreach efforts that naturally lead to student recruitment and enrollment growth. Through real-world examples and interactive discussion, attendees will discover how community engagement can strengthen institutional visibility, improve student connections, and create lasting educational pathways. Modality: In Person in Temple only Academic Center 3413/3415
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Session Title: Accommodations Training Presenter(s): Misty Reid Session Description: Why did I get this accommodation letter- what are the ADA 504, Title IX and Student Parent laws? Modality: Online session only Zoom link: https://templejc-edu.zoom.us/j/82724392536?pwd=AEKG85PXek2bJPtyAk7loOnLaDlX7D.1
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Session Title: The 7 Pillars of Health: Optimizing your Body, Mind and Spirit for Institutional Excellence Presenter(s): Nathan Siegel Session Description: This session will focus on optimizing Sleep, Diet/Supplementation, Exercise, Sunlight Exposure, Mindfulness, Hydration and Community Modality: Hybrid Zoom link: https://templejc-edu.zoom.us/j/89867028436rid Location: Academic Center 3412
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Session Title: AI in Practice: A Faculty Roundtable Presenter(s): Isaac Masoner, Patrick Finnegan, Heather Chandler & Reid Echols Session Description: This session will highlight practical ways the presenters have used AI tools to work more effectively both inside and outside the classroom. Presenters will share what

	they have found useful in their own work and invite participants to discuss how they are using AI, exchange ideas, and learn from one another. Modality: Hybrid Zoom link https://templejc-edu.zoom.us/j/81993799849 Location: Academic Center 3413/3415
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Session Title: Using the Basic Functions of D2L to Increase Student Engagement and Transparency in Your Course Presenter(s): Lily Penfold - Co-Facilitator: Alicia Buck Description: This session will cover the basic functions of D2L. A review of everything from using the home page features, to incorporating use of the D2L gradebook to offer transparency. This session is designed for new to newer faculty. Modality: Online session only Zoom link: https://templejc-edu.zoom.us/j/87832730200
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Session Title: Circle of Support 101 Presenter(s): Clarissa Martinez and Yvette Lee Description: This session will provide an overview of the services/resources available through the Circle of Support, and Leopard Food Pantry. We will discuss recent changes and provide updates to services offered. We will provide light snacks. Modality: In-Person Only Location: Arnold Student Union
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Session Title: Cybersecurity Awareness and Artificial Intelligence Training - Hutto Campus Presenter(s): Caleb Hogue Description: This course fulfills the state requirements for both Cybersecurity Awareness training and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Awareness training for the 2026 School Year. Modality: In Person Only Location: Hutto
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Session Title: Reach to Teach: Cultivating a Culture of Belonging for Student Success Presenter(s): Dr. Demeka Simmons Description: This session introduces a "Translation Matrix" that helps faculty and staff leverage relationship-based engagement strategies to drive student success. Participants will explore the "Reach to Teach" framework to transform daily interactions into a mechanical tool for inclusive excellence and student retention. Modality: In person Only Location: Academic Center 3413/3415