

2026 ARHE/ARS/AAPG Annual Conference Schedule Draft/Overview							
Date	Time	Description	Room/Location	Session Title	Presenter(s)	Track	
Tuesday, June 23, 2026		Staff Arrives On Site					
Wednesday, June 24, 2026		Prep Day					
Thursday, June 25, 2026		Prep Day/Board Members Arrive on Site					
Friday, June 26, 2026	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ARHE Board Meeting	Spruce 1	Board Meeting	Board Members	Collegiate Recovery	
		ARS Board Meeting	Iris	Board Meeting	Board Members	ARS	
		AAPG Board Meeting	Bluebell	Board Meeting	Board Members	AAPG	
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Set Up	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshops	Evergreen A		Let Them Tell Without Talking: Art Therapy and Art-Based Wellness in Collegiate Recovery	Rachelle Ellis	Collegiate Recovery
			Primrose		Advocacy / Development / Sustainability	TBD	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B		Recovery Allyship Training Showcase	Nicole Benigno, Dylan Dunn, Victoria Menz	Collegiate Recovery
	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Pre-Conference Kickoff Keynote	Aspen Amphitheater		Be the Light: becoming an agent for transformation.	Tina Miller	ARS
	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Welcome Event	TBD		Reckless Son	Matt Butler	All
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All	
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All	
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing Lounge	Pinon Boardroom				
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Quiet Lounge	Ponderosa				
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Wellness Space	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	ARHE Annual Meeting	Evergreen C-F	Collegiate Recovery Annual Meeting and Town Hall		Collegiate Recovery	
ARS Welcome Session		Evergreen A	ARS Welcome Session	Michael Durchslag	ARS		
AAPG Welcome Session		Evergreen B	AAPG Welcome Session	Robin Bergeron, Ripp Motion, Becky Ahlgrim, Mary Kate Brown, John Cates		AAPG	

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Saturday, June 27, 2026		Student Welcome Session	Conifer 1	"How to" Conference + The Paradigms Workshop: Utilizing a Survey Tool To Rethink Stigma and Conflict	Dylan Dunn	Student
	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Opening Keynote	Evergreen C-F	From Personal Recovery to Professional Purpose: Identity Transformation in Recovery High Schools, APG's, and CRP's	Andrew Warren	All
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Awards	Evergreen C-F	ARHE/ARS/AAPG Awards		
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All
	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	Get in the Game: Addressing Risky Gambling Among College Students	HECAOD	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen A	Modernizing Overdose Prevention: Technology,	Michael Vela	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	Working your AND experiential/talk	Aleah Johnson	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	Implementing an Independent Living Skills Workshop for Seniors in a Recovery High School	Arielle Posadas, Renee Caballero, Kris Rochelle	ARS
			Primrose	Making Higher Education More Recovery Friendly: A Survey of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists in Central Appalachia	G. Keilan Rickard, Emalee Dauginikas, Marissa Kluk, Hannah Warren	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Recovery Centered Education is a Principled Journey	Rachael Wilson	ARS
			Conifer 1	What Matters Most: Finding Ourselves Through Holding On and Letting Go	Dylan Dunn	Student
	Conifer 2	Rewiring the Heart: The Neurobiology of Parental Recovery	Robin Bergeron, Ripp Motion	AAPG		
	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee w/ Exhibitors	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	Measuring and Monitoring Recovery Readiness Across College Towns	Kelsey Van Selous, Shawn Dorius, Matthew Voss	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen A	BIPOC Students Navigating Recovery and Substance Use Disorders Research Panel	Quortne Hutchings, Becki Elkins, Eran Hanke	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	Implementing Mutual-Help Groups in Collegiate Recovery Programs: Barriers, Facilitators, and Strategic Recommendations	Isabel Redman, Noel Vest, Erin Major, Christina Freibott	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	*Exploring Love Styles as a Framework for Understanding and Supporting Youth in Recovery*	Shelia Sales	ARS
			Primrose	Co-Occurring Disorders in APG	Mariah Fountain, Christie Odum	AAPG
			Larkspur	A Supplement on substance use disorders for Mental Health First Aid	Eluterio Blanco	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Expanding Access and Belonging: Removing Barriers to Participation in Recovery High Schools	Seth Welch, Starre Helm, Nafisah Downs	ARS

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			Conifer 1	From Destruction to Creation: Collaborative Creative Writing as a Tool to Support Addiction Recovery	Chloe Whiting	Student
			Conifer 2	Peers on the Front Line: The Importance of Peer Specialists in High School	Joslyn Duenes, Savannah Coronado	AAPG
	4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - Midwest Region	Primrose			Collegiate Recovery
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - Mid-Atlantic Region	Larkspur			Collegiate Recovery
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - Southeast Region	Cottonwood			Collegiate Recovery
		Student Leadership Track	Conifer 1	Reclamation of Self, Interconnectedness, and Purpose: Story Telling as a Healing Method	Michael Ketner, Brian Newsome	Student
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - Southwest Region	Conifer 2			Collegiate Recovery
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - West Region	Spruce 1			Collegiate Recovery
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - Northeast Region	Spruce 2			Collegiate Recovery
		ARHE Regional Meet-Ups - International Region	Conifer 3			Collegiate Recovery
		ARS Breakout	Evergreen A	Creating Space for Peace in Policies and Procedures	Amy Christian	ARS
		AAPG Breakout	Evergreen B	Building Effective Youth Recovery Programs	Ricky Hill	AAPG
	ARS Breakout	Aspen Amphitheater	Let Us Hip You to the T.E.A. (Treatment and Education Alignment)	Travita Godfrey, Daisy Alvarez, Arial Coates	ARS	
	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Entertainment Events	TBD	Film Screening		All
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All
	7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
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	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing Lounge	Pinon Boardroom			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Quiet Lounge	Ponderosa			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Wellness Space	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Lightning Sessions	Evergreen C-F	Ted Talk Style Topic Discussion	Several	All
	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Extended Breakout Sessions	Evergreen A	Integrating Eating Disorder Recovery Within Collegiate Recovery Programs: Purpose and Programming	Alex Shrode, Melissa A. Munn-Chernoff	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	Synergy at the Summit: Leveraging Collective Power to Strengthen a Recovery-Ready Future	Allison Smith	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	^Accreditation 101: Navigating New Updates and the Essentials + Accreditation Toolbox: Templates, Tools, and Technical Assistance^	Traci Bowermaster, Starre Helm, Andy Finch	ARS
			Larkspur	Healing Is a Group Project: Peer-Led Healing Circles in Collegiate Recovery	Liliana Spurgeon, Alejandro Castro	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Mistakes Were Made: Recovery Education Leaders on What Went Wrong & How We Grew	Erin Bernard-Harris, Roger Oser, Sharon Dursi Martin, Tina Miller, Michael Durchslag(back-up if needed)	ARS
			Conifer 1	Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy Impact Project Summaries	SAFE Project CRLA Fellows + Working Group Leaders	Student
			Conifer 2	AAPG Panel Discussion	Robin Bergeron, George Youngblood, Ripp Motion, Mary Kate Brown, Becky Ahlgrim, John Cates	AAPG
	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Keynote	Evergreen C-F	The Power of Connection: Using Documentary Storytelling to Rewrite the Family Narrative	Shelly Young, Pam Lanhart	All
	11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All
Sunday, June 28, 2026	1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	Designing and Implementing Statewide Collegiate Recovery Assessment	Susie Mullens, Aaron Blankenship	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen A	Bridging Gaps: Language and Recovery in Multi-Lingual Communities	Jarmichael Harris, Jerome Randolph, Danielle Jusko	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	From Campus to Campsite: Building Community through Outdoor Adventure Learning Experiences	Ellie Morris, John Shiflet	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	Leveraging the Benefits of Recovery School Mathematics Classrooms: Creating a Better Problem-Based Learning for Mathematics Students in Recovery	Clark Hannahs	ARS
			Primrose	Holding Space: A Restorative Circle for Recovery School Staff	Niesha Conley	ARS

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			Cottonwood	*Ensuring Stability and Impact: Developing a Sustainability Plan for a Recovery High School*	Rachelle Gardner, Jon Shapiro, Ty Spisak	ARS
			Conifer 1	Demystifying "Multiple Pathways of Recovery": Reflections for Community & Program Development	Dylan Dunn, Victoria Menz	Student
			Conifer 2	Leveraging lived experience through community outreach!	Ryan York	AAPG
	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Coffee w/ Exhibitors	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	Self-care	David Chastain	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen A	OUR House Evolution: Using the Social Model to Build Resilient Recovery Communities	Kimberly Stanfield	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	Harm Reduction in Action: HBCU Edition	Lindsay Dozier, Adora Harris	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	Systematic Evaluation of Adolescent Recovery Services (SEARS) – 2026 Annual Update	Roger Oser, Jordan Jurinsky, Andy Finch	ARS
			Primrose	Supporting College Choice for Students in Recovery	Victoria Menz	ARS
			Larkspur	Stories That Shape Us: Meaning, Identity, and the Journey of Recovery	Sarah-Jane Murray, Courtney Becker	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Understanding You: Building Emotional Resilience to Reduce Non-Suicidal Self-Injury	Mary Berardi, Amanda Beausoliel, Kate Berardi	ARS
			Conifer 1	What Women In Collegiate Recovery Need: Insights From Peer-Led One-on-One Support	Trinity Mustico	Student
			Conifer 2	Building and Maintaining Steering Committees in APGs	John Cates	AAPG
	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen A	Maintaining Long-Term Recovery While Navigating the Collegiate Party Culture	Caitlin E. Hjerpe	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	Women in Collegiate Recovery: Providing a voice of relational care	Julia Curiel, Gerard Love, Rachel Elkins	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	*You Know Why; Let's Figure Out How: Supporting Our High School Students in the Classroom*	Jennifer Wytman	ARS
			Primrose	*In record time! From opening to accredited. Words of wisdom for New Administrators*	Justin Savoy	ARS
			Larkspur	Ares or Skynet: What Is the Future of AI and Behavioral Health?	Pete Nielsen	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Learning as We Go: Two Clinicians' Journeys in Their First Year at a Recovery School	Rebecca Teachey, Taylor Ingram	ARS
			Conifer 1	Perpetuating Cycles: External Stigma, Self-Stigma, and Stigma within Recovery Spaces	Victoria Menz, Nicole Benigno, Dylan Dunn	Student
			Conifer 2	Let Them Lead the Climb: Developing Peer Leadership, Mentorship, and Ownership in Alternative Peer Groups	Mary Kate Brown	AAPG
	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Poster Session	Rocky Mountain Event Center	Poster Session		All

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	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Entertainment Events	Atrium	Silent Disco		All
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All
	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All
	7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing Lounge	Pinon Boardroom			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Quiet Lounge	Ponderosa			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Wellness Space	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Extended Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	What you need to know about CRP Research: Developments and Future Directions from the Collegiate Recovery Research Collaborative	Thomas Bannard, Onawa Labelle, Larkin Francis, Keith Murphy, Waltrina DeFrantz-Dufor	Collegiate Recovery
Evergreen A			Rolling the Dice on Our Future: Addressing America's Collegiate Gambling Crisis	Saul Malek	Collegiate Recovery	
Evergreen B			Recovery is Badass: Transforming PowerPoints into Interactive Student Events	Danielle Irwin, Erica Jones	Collegiate Recovery	
Aspen Amphitheater			Beyond the Inner Circle: Using Authentic Messaging to Reach New Audiences	Travita Godfrey, Shelby Trahan	ARS	
Primrose			Accessible programming to engage and support all participants	Heidi Cloutier, Heather Morris, Faye Paquette	Collegiate Recovery	
Larkspur			How to gain institutional support utilizing an abstinence based CRP	John Shiflet, William Gerber	Collegiate Recovery	
Cottonwood			*Recovery High Schools and the Nexus Model of Youth Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery*	Andrew Finch, Jordan Jurinsky, Nafisah Downs, Ryan Morgan, Rachelle Gardner	ARS	
Conifer 1			Coaching The College Journey: An Interactive, Skills Based Exploration of Recovery Coaching in Collegiate Recovery	Christopher Wright, Katrina Masi	Student	
Conifer 2			AAPG Q&A Session	Robin Bergeron, George Youngblood, Ripp Motion, Mary Kate Brown, Becky Ahlgrim, John Cates	AAPG	
10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Keynote	Evergreen C-F	Healing For Us: Climbing Together Toward a Shared Summit	Jarmichael Harris	All	
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Wellness Activity	Rocky Mountain Event Center			All	
		Evergreen C-F	Making Sustained Change: Servant Leadership & Advocacy	Victoria Menz, Dylan Dunn, Nicole Benigno	Collegiate Recovery	

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Monday, June 29, 2026	1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen A	Mapping the Path to Care: Practical Tools for E	Molly Dixon, Shannon Kopp	Collegiate Recovery	
			Evergreen B	When Time and Money Are Tight: Strategies for Grant Success	CJ Bugna	Collegiate Recovery	
			Aspen Amphitheater	*We Are Wildflowers: Garden Learning, Student Leadership, Arts, and Recovery Outcomes*	Annie Tickell, Silas Nelson, Erin Bernard-Harris	ARS	
			Primrose	Connecting the Dots to more effectively work with Fraternities and Sororities	HECAOD	Collegiate Recovery	
			Larkspur	Wellness Coaching Across the Spectrum of Student Substance Use	Jason Munoz	Collegiate Recovery	
			Cottonwood	*Building a Full-Day Recovery Campus: Integrating Education, Treatment, and Peer Support to Improve Outcomes for Adolescents in Recovery*	Max Preminger, Nicholas Crapser	ARS	
			Conifer 1	Move to Heal: An Experiential, Movement-Based Peer Support Model for Collegiate Recovery	Leetal Young	Student	
			Conifer 2	5 Pillars of Parent/Caregiver Recovery	Becky Ahlgrim	AAPG	
	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Coffee w/ Exhibitors	Rocky Mountain Event Center				
	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen C-F	SRCRA Presentation	ARHE	Collegiate Recovery	
			Evergreen A	From Support to Strategy: Using SWOT Analysis to Strengthen Collegiate Recovery Programs	Michelle Strong	Collegiate Recovery	
			Evergreen B	The Wins and Woes of Collegiate Recovery: Navigating Uncertainty in Higher Education	Stasha Hamilton	Collegiate Recovery	
			Aspen Amphitheater	Flexible and Focused: Designing Responsive Instruction in Recovery High Schools	Niesha Conley	ARS	
			Primrose	The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana: Johnny Stack's Life and Death Story	Laura Stack	ARS	
			Larkspur	Come Hang and Get Trained: Normalizing Naloxone Access Through Recovery-Centered, Community-Based Engagement	Kaitlin Carter, Annie Chalmers-Williams	Collegiate Recovery	
			Cottonwood	Healing, Learning, Belonging: An Integrated Recovery School Model for Youth with Co-Occurring Needs	Todd Nichols	ARS	
			Conifer 1	From Lived Experience to Strategic Storytelling: Sharing with Purpose, Boundaries, and Care	Victoria Menz, Nicole Benigno, Alexandra Behler	Student	
			Conifer 2	Finding a Path "Together": How a Community-Led Documentary Film is Changing Family Members' Awareness, Knowledge, and Attitudes about Family Recovery Processes	Ya-Li Yang, Larkin Francis, Shelly Young, Pam Lanhart	AAPG	
						Evergreen C-F	Micro-Credentialing for Peers
	Evergreen A	Yes, We're Still Fighting For Funding: Creative Approaches to Securing Resources				Nicole Benigno, Dylan Dunn, Victoria Menz	Collegiate Recovery

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	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen B	Pathways of Recovery	David Chastain	Collegiate Recovery
			Aspen Amphitheater	Coordinating Recovery and Reentry Dynamics for Justice Engaged Students	Wendy Cooper	ARS
			Primrose	Enhancing CRP Recruitment and Retention via Scholarship Opportunities	Iz Engel	Collegiate Recovery
			Larkspur	RU AWARE? An Intervention at Radford University diverts punitive measures toward health education, community connection, and self awareness.	Reed Yearwood, Ashlea Yearwood	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	From Survival to Strength: Recovery and Wellness Curriculum	Rachelle Gardner, Aleesha Bullock	ARS
			Conifer 1	Discovering evidence of Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) among collegiate recovery students; A Deductive Qualitative Analysis	Declan Murphy, Lauren Lewis	Student
			Conifer 2	Empowerment Through Critical Thinking: Building Skills for Confidence, Autonomy, & informed Decision Making	Armani Je Balderas, Brittany Dorris	AAPG
	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Tear Down	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Entertainment Events	TBD	Colorado Rockies Baseball Game: Discounted Tickets Available in Sober Section of Stadium		All
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Recovery Meeting	Iris			All
	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing Lounge	Pinon Boardroom			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Quiet Lounge	Ponderosa			
	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Wellness Space	Rocky Mountain Event Center			
	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakout Sessions	Evergreen A	Sustaining Collegiate Recovery Programs Under Financial Constraint: Practice-Based Lessons from a Community-Supported CRP	Onawa LaBelle	Collegiate Recovery
			Evergreen B	When It's Gambling, Not Substances: Supporting Gambling Recovery in Collegiate Recovery Programs	Michael Zhang	Collegiate Recovery
			Primrose	How Much is "Enough" Naloxone?: A Framework for Maximizing Campus Overdose Prevention Efforts	Dylan Dunn, Nicole Benigno	ARS
			Larkspur	Safe(r): (y)Our Responsibility	HECAOD	Collegiate Recovery
			Cottonwood	Mentorship is Relationship	Chioma Thompson, Audrey Kort	ARS
			Conifer 2	Clinical Consideration for Working with the LGBTQIA2+ Population	Kristina Padilla	AAPG
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Closing Session	Evergreen C-F	Bringing It All Together: Collective Impact in Today's Climate		All	

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	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Conference Closing	Evergreen C-F	Closing Remarks, Silent Auction Draw, Contest Award Winnders		All