

CSU HR Conference, February 11, 2026  
Learn – Grow – Connect: Adaptability & Agility

Start Time	Event				
8:30am	Opening Remarks				
8:45am	Keynote Presentation – Monique Russell (60-90 mins) (75)				
10:00am	10 min Break / Transition				
10:10am Breakout #1 (60 min)	The Art of Delegating, Amanda Crose	Human-Centered AI Integration: HR as Change Leaders, Sam Holtshouser	Keepin' It Real: Leading with Emotional Intelligence in the Real World of HR, Emily Ambrose & Kyle Oldham	The Future of Work is Human (NOT Artificial), Rebecca Hawkins	
11:10 am	15 min Break / Transition				
11:25am Breakout #2 (60 min)	Beyond "Change Resistance": Leading and Adapting through Organizational Grief, Mira Brancu	Building Team Resilience: Moving with Grace Through Times of Challenge, Dr. Therese Lask	Unpacking the AI 'Black Box': What does it mean to be AI literate? Rachelle Ramer	Interpersonal Relationships to Build Your Culture, Yvonne Myers	Best Practices of Leading Supervisors Through Documenting Performance Issues, Jacob Rubinstein
12:25pm	10 min Break / Transition				
12:35 pm (60 min)	Lunch & Connection				
1:35pm	10 min Break / Transition				
Breakout #3 1:45 pm (60 min)	Strengthening Talent Pipelines Through Partnership: Community College Career Centers + University HR, Crystal Smith	Employee Relations with Restorative Tools, Debi O'Connor & Ty Nagamatsu	Dignity Intelligence: Strengthening Conflict Resilience in the Workplace, Matt Ricke	From the Heart: Leading with Courage and Authenticity, Julie Weber	
2:45 pm	15 min Break / Transition				
3:00 pm Breakout #4 (60min)	Unlocking Agility: Overcoming Hidden Barriers to Growth, Evan Welch	The Changing World of Work, Adam Crowe & Andrew Minor	Student Employment as a Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Our University Through Collaborative Support, Sam Boren	Mission-Ready Talent: Building Agility through Military-Affiliated Hiring and Retention, Theda Johnson	
4:00- 6:00pm	Reception / Networking				

**Tracks:**

Teamwork, Leadership, & Collaboration (Leading at all Levels)	Pillars of HR	Employee Engagement & Culture
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