Developing a Productive Workspace
Eesha Sasumana, Texas Business Healthcare Association
Learn about how to streamline processes and create a more productive environment for your student group.
- SAC 3.112

Leadership and Self Care: 7 Practices to Enhance Well-being and Prevent Burnout
Katy Reed, Counseling & Mental Health Center
Sustaining a meaningful life in leadership can be exhausting. Join this session to learn 7 strategies for taking care of yourself over the long haul.
- SAC 3.116

Keynote Speaker
Kevin Lilly
M.B.A., Southern Methodist University (1988)
B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin (1982)
Kevin J. Lilly is a managing partner at Avalon Advisors. Prior to forming Avalon, Kevin spent five years in Morgan Stanley’s Private Wealth Management Division. From 1989 to 1996, he was with Goldman Sachs’ Private Wealth Management Division, first in New York and then in Houston. Kevin served as a Captain in the United States Army as a tank platoon leader and had one overseas deployment. He was appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2009, to serve as a Regent of the Texas State University System until 2015. Kevin has published articles on Project Finance and Military Tactics and has served as an Endowment Trustee and member of the executive committee of the Houston Symphony Board of Directors and as a Trustee of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. He is a former Trustee of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Kevin currently serves as a Colonel in the Texas State National Guard where he commands the 8th Civil Affairs Regiment headquartered in Houston. In 2017, Kevin was appointed by Texas Governor Greg
Servant Leadership: Shifting the Focus of Leading Your Team
Ross Rodriguez, Recreational Sports
This presentation will shift the focus of leadership from the leader to those being led. We will explore servant leadership and other practices to inspire our teams to reach their full potential.
- SAC 3.106

Leadership in Civic Life
Emily Einsohn Bhandari, Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life
Research shows that communities with strong indicators of civic health have higher employment rates, stronger schools, better physical health, and more responsive governments. Future leaders who attend this session will gain a deeper understanding of the current state of civic life in Texas and will explore how they can play a role in helping our communities thrive.
- SAC 3.112

Building for Success
Jensen Soderlund, Texas Rising
Learn how to maximize the success of your organization or project with strategies for effective recruitment and retention of members.
- SAC 3.116

Breakout Session Options

Session 2 (11:50 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)
Let’s Play! Leading and Inspiring Creativity and Risk Taking through Games
Kouang Chan, Office of the University Ombuds
This session takes a hands-on approach to exploring creativity and fun as a vehicle for inspiring innovation in a group. Sometimes we forget that novel ideas are sparked by failed experiments. So let’s play and innovate.
- SAC 2.120

Class Project to Dream Job: Starting a Company in College
Kristen Carson, Brian Alford, UT Alumni - President, Simply International
Join me as we discuss the benefits of starting a company in college, the resources that I used and the (many) pitfalls that I fell into as I started Simply International. Simply International was started as a class project in 2008, where I learned the partical steps to turn my dream into a reality.
- SAC 2.302

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Session 3 (2:50 – 3:45 p.m.)
It’s Not You, It’s Me: A Guide to Personal Accountability
Hannah Covington, Recreational Sports
Imagine a workplace that eliminates blame, victim thinking, procrastination and complaining. Sounds impossible, right? It all starts with “me!” Dive into “Question Behind the Question” by John G. Miller to learn how personal accountability creates leaders at every level.
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Student Leader Panel: Lessons from Experienced Leaders
Dave Dessauer, Leadership and Ethics Institute
This panel session features leaders who will share first hand advice for becoming a successful student and leader on the Forty Acres. Featured panelists include: Rachel Diebner (President - Texas Orange Jackets), Alejandro Guzman (President - Student Government), Laura Hallas (Editor-in-Chief - The Daily Texan), Gregory Ross (President - Texas Blazers), Kenny Young (President - Undergraduate Business Council).
- SAC 2.302

Leadership in a Cosmopolitan World
Inaara Jamal, Ismaili Muslim Students Association
Explore the potential of institutional success when diversity is actively sought out and embraced. This session is dedicated to understanding and enhancing emotional intelligence to facilitate stronger interpersonal relationships.
- SAC 3.106

Communicating the Complicated and Controversial
Laura Hallas, Ellie Breed, The Daily Texan
Whether navigating opposing opinions amongst members or articulating information about your organization, student leaders must be able to clearly and effectively communicate their ideas. Daily Texan editors will apply lessons from the newsroom to these challenges, and offer specific strategies for developing cohesive and informed messaging.
- SAC 3.112

Values & Ethical Leadership
Rhea Adhikari, Mahima Gajjalalli, Leadership and Ethics Institute
In this workshop, participants will learn about their personal values and how to use those as a foundation for their decision-making skills as a leader.
- SAC 3.116

Mindful Conversations: Strategies for Leaders
Patty Prado, Dell Medical School
Come ready to chat with your peers and practice mindful approaches to strengthen your conversation style. Leaders understand the importance of every conversation and how to maximize opportunities to connect, motivate, and impact others.
- SAC 2.120

Strength-Based Leadership
James Dial, Isaiah Carter, Naseem Shafei, Julianna Masabni, Texas Wranglers
Tired of struggling to transform your weakness and not knowing how to capitalize on your talents? This session on SBL will introduce you to a new school of thinking backed by decades of research which shows the key to being a more effective leader is knowing and growing your strengths.
- SAC 2.302

About the Summit
The Texas Leadership Summit is a free leadership development conference open to all students at The University of Texas at Austin. The Summit provides a unique space for student leaders to develop and refine leadership competencies through engagement in experiential workshops, breakout sessions, and networking. This diverse community of leaders affords each participant the opportunity to build relationships and identify areas of collaboration to positively impact The Forty Acres.

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