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2026 PROGRAM | JULY 27 - JULY 31

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Starring:

CDI CENTRAL
COMMUNITY
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YEAR 1

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*Directors: Chris Wasson, PCED
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YEAR 3

Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center,
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*Directors: Dana Poindexter, PCED
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We want to connect with you! Use #CDIcentral on your social posts so we can follow your CDI experience and be entered to win our social media engagement award during the Closing Session & Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 31!

PARTICIPATE IN THE CDI 2026 SILENT AUCTION!

**The CDI Silent Auction is coordinated
by the CDI 2026 Year 3 Class.**

Brewer Hegeman, 103
8:30 am Monday, July 27, to 5:30 pm Thursday, July 30

Items in the silent auction are curated from all over
Arkansas and the Mid South.

**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED BY THE CDI 2026 SILENT
AUCTION WILL SUPPORT CDI 2027 SCHOLARSHIPS.**

Winning bids will be announced in your CDI Class the
morning of Friday, July 31.

Following the CDI Closing Session & Awards Ceremony, you
will proceed to pay and pick up your item(s) in BHCC Room
101. A member of the CDI staff or a CDI Year 3
representative will take your payment and
give you your item(s).

Payment can be made via check, cash, or
online by using the QR code or at this link:
uca.edu/go/cdi_silentauction



Not interested in participating in the CDI 2026 Silent
Auction, but want to support CDI scholarships? You can
donate directly to support CDI scholarships by using the
QR code or by going to uca.edu/go/cdi_silentauction

Monday, July 27

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Registration and Headshots

*Reynolds Performance
Hall Lobby*

8:30 am – 9:15 am

Opening Session and Welcome

In Classrooms

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Class Introductions

10:15 am – 10:45 am

Overview of CDI Network and PCED Exam

Shelby Fiegel, PCED

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Community and Economic Development Practice

Samantha Evans, PCED

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Leadership Development

Janet Harris

2:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Building Community

*Charlotte Strickland & Wendy
Holbrook*

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Group Pictures/Silent Auction

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Networking Reception

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Workforce Development: Ages 0-5

*Dr. Nicola Edge and
Jamie Ward*

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Strategic Visioning and Planning

Corey Parks, PCED

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Newtonia

*Truett Smith, PCED and
Tabatha Duvall, PCED*

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 9:15 am

Newtonia Debrief

Shelby Fiegel, PCED

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Understanding Community Economies

Jon Chadwell, CEcD

10:15 am – 11:15 am

Grassroots Organizing

Ryan Biles

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Identifying and Developing Stakeholders, Leaders, and Volunteers

Dr. Lesley Graybeal

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Ethics

Dr. Benjamin Rider

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Move to Windgate

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Keynote

*Dr. Richard Reeves
(In Windgate Center for
Fine and Performing Arts)*

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 9:15 am

Community Engagement

Megan Markham, PCED

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Census 2030

Victoria Mays

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Healthy Communities

Dr. Brookshield Laurent

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Community Asset Mapping and Assessments

Dr. Hunter Goodman

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Poverty Simulation

*Dr. Lesley Graybeal and
Dr. Shaneil Ealy*

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Final Silent Auction Bids

Friday, July 31

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Class Debrief

9:45 am – 11:30 am

Closing Session and Awards Ceremony (McCastlain Ballroom)

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7:30 am - 8:30 am Registration and Headshots <i>Reynolds Performance Hall Lobby</i>	8:00 am - 8:30 am Networking and Coffee	8:00 am - 8:30 am Networking and Coffee	8:00 am - 8:30 am Networking and Coffee	8:00 am - 8:30 am Networking and Coffee
8:30 am – 9:15 am Opening Session and Welcome <i>In Classrooms</i>	8:30 am – 9:45 am Business Attraction and Site Selection <i>Danny Games, CEcD</i>	8:30 am – 9:45 am Placemaking <i>Brad Lacy</i>	8:30 am – 9:45 am Business Retention and Expansion <i>Corey Parks, PCED</i>	8:30 am – 9:45 am Class Debrief
9:15 am – 10:00 am Class Introductions	9:45 am – 10:00 am Break	9:45 am – 11:00 am Community and Economic Development Finance <i>Michael Eggleston</i>	9:45 am – 10:15 am Travel to Arnold Innovation Center	9:45 am – 11:30 am Closing Session and Awards Ceremony (McCastlain Ballroom)
10:00 am – 11:15 am Emergency Management <i>Scott Bass</i>	10:00 am – 11:15 am Strategic Doing <i>Dr. Joe Fratesi</i>	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Lunch on Your Own	10:15 am – 11:15 am Managing the Physical and Built Environment <i>Finley Vinson, PE, PTP, PTOE, RSP</i>	
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Lunch on Your Own	11:15 am – 12:45 pm Lunch on Your Own	12:30 pm – 1:45 pm International Trends <i>Mervin Jebaraj</i>	11:15 am – 12:45 pm Lunch on Your Own	
12:45 pm – 2:30 pm StrengthQuest <i>Dr. Steven Shook</i>	12:45 pm – 2:15 pm Miller County Simulation <i>Matt Twyford, PCED and Ashley Williams, PCED</i>	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm PCED Panel <i>Danielle Housenick, PCED, Isaac Sims, PCED and Julia Dossett Morgan, PCED</i>	12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Building Entrepreneurial Communities <i>Grace Rains, PCED</i>	
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break	2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break	2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Move to Windgate	2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Return to UCA	
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm Miller County Simulation <i>Matt Twyford, PCED and Ashley Williams, PCED</i>	2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Communicating With Your Community <i>Joshua Cook</i>	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Keynote <i>Dr. Richard Reeves (In Windgate Center for Fine and Performing Arts)</i>	2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break	
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Group Pictures/ Silent Auction	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Effective Meeting Facilitation <i>Charlotte Strickland</i>		2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Quality of Place <i>Talicia Richardson, PCED</i>	
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Networking Reception			3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Planning Livable Communities <i>Dave Roberts, ASLA, and Julie Luther-Kelso, AICP, ASLA</i>	
			5:00 pm – 5:45 pm Final Silent Auction Bids	

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Building Bridges Between Communities

Dr. Steven Shook

11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm

Blue Sky

Kevin Sexton, PCED

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Peer Recovery and Opioid Crisis

Kyle Brewer and Casey Copeland

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Tourism as Economic Development

Alicia Payseno, PCED

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Group Pictures/Silent Auction

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Networking Reception

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am - 9:45 am

Grants

Linsley Kinkade, PCED

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Historic Preservation

Rachel Patton

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Workforce Planning and Development

Julianne Dunn, PCED

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Blue Sky

Kevin Sexton, PCED

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Somerset Simulation and PCED Prep

James Hopper, PCED

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Community Leadership Development

Dr. Phillip Fletcher

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Measuring Community Progress

Dr. Nichola Driver

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 pm – 12:00 pm

Retail Development

Mark Goodman

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Marketing Your Community

Jon Chadwell, CECd

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Move to Windgate

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Keynote

*Dr. Richard Reeves
(In Windgate Center for Fine and Performing Arts)*

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Networking and Coffee

8:30 am – 10:30 am

Productive Conflict for Communities and Organizations

Dr. Liz Lundeen and Dr. Lesley Graybeal

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Housing and Public + Private Partnerships

Grandon Gray, PCED

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Travel to North Little Rock

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Establishing and Managing CBOs: A Tour of Providence Park

Errin Stanger

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Travel to Conway

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

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1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

PCED Exam

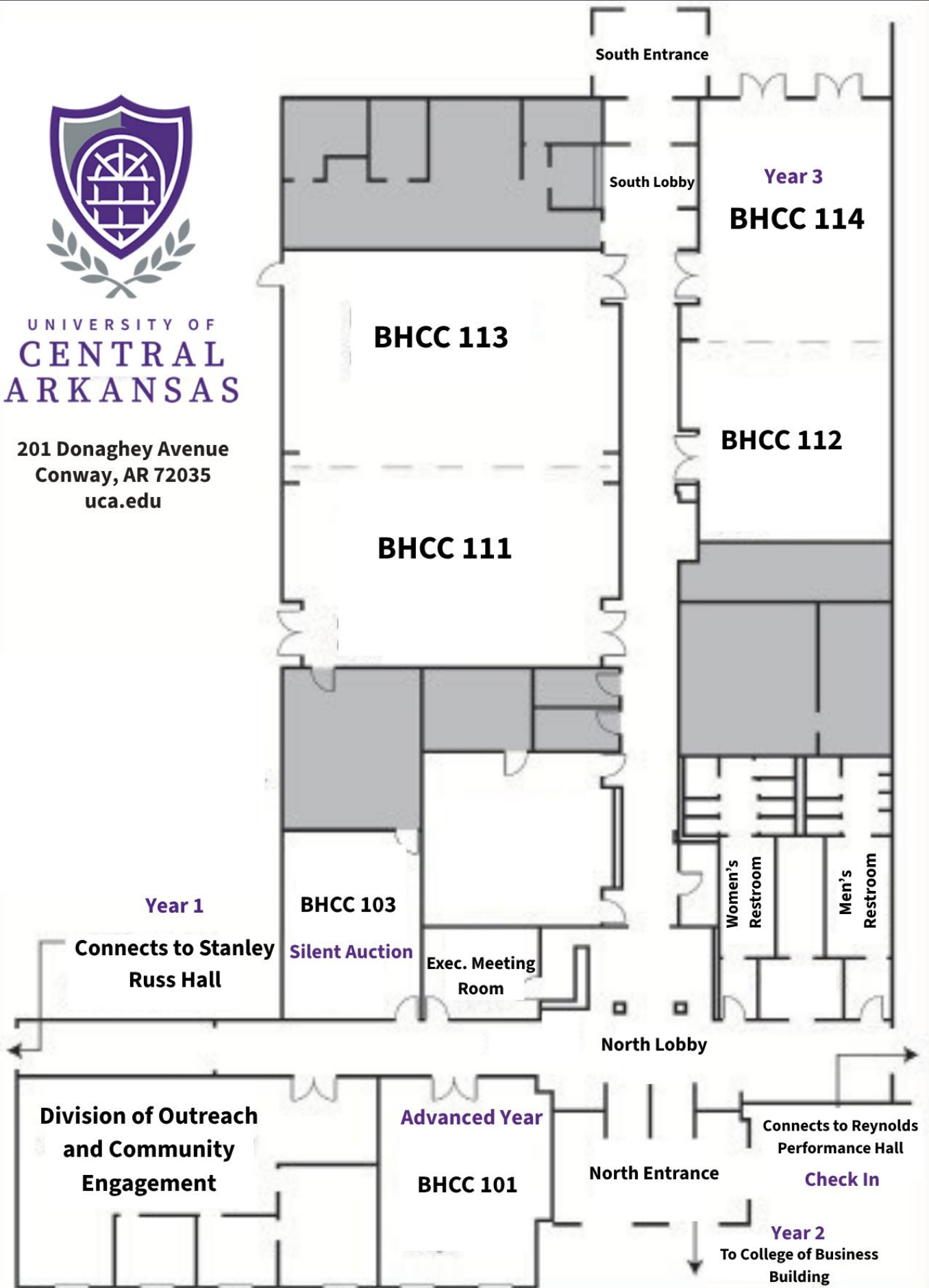
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