



# REGISTRATION GUIDE

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# EVENT ESSENTIALS

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The annual Alabama CTSO Leadership Summit brings together Alabama's top CTE+CTSO student leaders and officers to network, collaborate, learn, and prepare to guide their student organizations in the coming year! As the statewide officers of Alabama's CTE+CTSO organizations, these officers lead more than 125,000 CTE+CTSO members across the state of Alabama as they prepare for College+Career Success.

## TRAINING MODULES

The four-day summit prepares attendees to lead, with training in the following areas:



LEADERSHIP STYLES



IDEA + PROJECT MANAGEMENT



TEAMBUILDING



PROFESSIONALISM



COMMUNICATION



SPEAKING

## EVENT LOCATION



**MONDAY – THURSDAY**

JUNE 8-11, 2026

**AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA  
RESORT & SPA AT GRAND NATIONAL**

3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail  
Opelika, AL 36801

**ALABAMA CTSO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

is presented by the Alabama State Department of Education  
in partnership with the Alabama CTE Leadership Council.



Alabama CTE  
Leadership Council




Learning that works  
for Alabama



**Alabama  
Achieves**

ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



*Marla Escobar*  
Alabama Army  
JROTC State Vice-President  
2025-2026



# PROGRAM PREVIEW

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## SUMMIT THEME: YOUR STORY

Your story is just that—yours! As an Alabama CTSO Officer, your story is still being written, and this year is one of its most defining chapters. Step into a world of creativity, teamwork, and leadership where every challenge, victory, and lesson adds meaning to the story you’re telling. Your story as an officer isn’t just about the title—it’s about impact. It’s about how you show up for your teammates, serve your members, and lead with authenticity. As you discover and own Your Story, you’ll gain the clarity and vision to help others find theirs—using your voice, your influence, and your example to inspire leaders across Alabama. This year, lead boldly, dream big, and write a story that makes a difference—because this is Your Story, and it’s just getting started.







## EVENT SCHEDULE






SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

### LOCATION ICON KEY























































-  Grand National DE
-  Grand National ABC
-  Pool Area
-  Pavilion
-  Meeting Room 1
-  Meeting Room 2

### ATTIRE ICON KEY








-  Association Professional Attire
-  Association Business Casual
-  CTSO Casual
-  Summit T-Shirt

MONDAY			
TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION	ATTIRE
ALL DAY	CTSO MANAGER WORKROOM		
ALL DAY	HEADQUARTERS		
10:00 AM	WELCOME & KICK OFF		
10:15 AM	SUMMIT T-SHIRT PICK UP <i>CTSO MANAGERS ONLY</i>		
11:30 AM	100X OFFICER		
12:00 PM	LUNCH AND BINGO		
1:00 PM	TEAMBUILDING		
3:00 PM	BREAK	ON OWN	
3:15 PM	PERSONAL LEADERSHIP		
5:00 PM	ACE AND JLDC PREVIEWS		
6:30 PM	CTSO BBQ SOCIAL		
8:00 PM	CTSO SOCIAL/TEAM TIME	ON OWN	

# EVENT SCHEDULE CONTINUED

TUESDAY			
TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION	ATTIRE
ALL DAY	CTSO MANAGER WORKROOM		
ALL DAY	HEADQUARTERS		
8:15 AM	BREAKFAST		
9:00 AM	ALIGNING YOUR TEAM'S JOURNEY		
10:00 AM	PROGRAM OF WORK		
11:00 AM	PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
12:00 PM	LUNCH AND BINGO		
1:30 PM	EXPERIENTIAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY		
3:00 PM	TEAM TIME	ON OWN	
5:30 PM	DINNER		
6:30 PM	CTSO SOCIAL/TEAM TIME	ON OWN	
WEDNESDAY			
ALL DAY	HEADQUARTERS		
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST		
8:00 – 9:30 AM	PHOTO SHOOT <i>TEAMS WILL SIGN UP FOR 15 MINUTE SLOTS</i>		
9:30 – 10:00 AM	STATE PRESIDENTS VIDEO SHOOT <i>RECORDING SESSION</i>		
10:00 AM	COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES		
11:00 AM	BREAK	ON OWN	
11:15 AM	THE IMPACT OF YOUR VOICE		
12:00 PM	LUNCH		
1:00 PM	BE A HIGH PERFORMING TEAM		
2:00 PM	SUPPORTING EACH CHAPTER'S JOURNEY		
3:00 PM	CTSO PLANNING TIME	ON OWN	
6:30 PM	PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE DINNER		
8:00 PM	CTSO SOCIAL/TEAM TIME	ON OWN	
THURSDAY			
ALL DAY	CTSO MANAGER WORKROOM		
ALL DAY	HEADQUARTERS		
8:15 AM	BREAKFAST		
9:00 AM	STORYTELLING		
11:00 AM	FINAL THOUGHTS AND WRAP UP		
11:30 AM	DEPARTURES AND/OR TEAM TIME	ON OWN	

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

-  **Bingo:** Enjoy some friendly competition with your peers as you compete in fun rounds of bingo, and if you are lucky, you may even win a prize (all while learning facilitation and audience management skills)!
-  **Video Shoot:** Action! CTSO state presidents will enter the filming studio as we record content for future videos, including the CTE teacher appreciation video.
-  **ACE and JLDC Preview Session:** State officers will be among the first to know the plans for this year's ACE and JLDC events during the preview session!
-  **Leadership Boxes:** Each state officer will receive a signature "Leadership University" box with training resources, swag, and more!
-  **CTSO Photo Shoot:** Smile and pose!  
A professional photographer will be on-hand to take official headshots of each state officer as well as team pictures. Edited photos will be provided to each CTSO manager for use (please allow several weeks for editing)
-  **Professional Etiquette Dinner:** Dine in style! Join us for a formal dinner where you will learn the fine points of fine dining. From how to host your table and pass the bread, you'll learn how to be your best at any professional dining experience.
-  **Certificate of Achievement:** State officers who complete the CTSO Leadership Summit training program will receive a certificate of achievement to celebrate their work and showcase their mastery of content.



# CTSO OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING



The CTSO Operational Excellence Training is a one-day program designed to help CTSO managers and leaders strengthen the performance and effectiveness of their state organizations. Held in conjunction with the CTSO Leadership Summit and open only to ALSDE staff, this session focuses on practical leadership, operational systems, and execution of the CTSO nonprofit organizations. Training sessions will explore strategies to align vision with day-to-day operations, enhance partnerships and collaboration, and improve organizational capacity to deliver measurable impact.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:00 AM	ALSDE Staff Headshots (if desired)	Pavilion
8:15 AM	Breakfast (provided)	Grand National DE
9:00 AM	Training Session I	Meeting Room 1
12:00 PM	Lunch (provided)	Grand National DE
1:00 PM	Training Session II	Meeting Room 1
3:00 PM	Training Concludes	On Own

*This training is provided for all ALSDE staff involved in CTSO management and administration.*

# CLASSROOM CONNECTION

CTSO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WILL REINFORCE ESSENTIAL 21ST CENTURY SKILLS, INCLUDING:



CREATIVITY +  
INNOVATION



COMMUNICATION +  
COLLABORATION



INITIATIVE +  
SELF-DIRECTION



SOCIAL + CROSS-  
CULTURAL SKILLS



LEADERSHIP +  
RESPONSIBILITY

## 2025 SUMMIT FLASHBACK



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# REGISTRATION RESOURCES

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# REGISTRATION SUMMARY



**SEND US AN EMAIL**  
[register@alabamactso.org](mailto:register@alabamactso.org)



**GIVE US A CALL**  
**334-450-2723**  
(8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. CST)



**COMPLIMENTARY  
REGISTRATION IS  
PROVIDED TO ALL CTSO  
STATE OFFICERS.**

## IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTES

Registration is coordinated through each CTSO Manager. Officers are responsible for including any dietary restrictions as part of the registration process.

[CLICK HERE FOR STATE OFFICER REGISTRATION](#)



## LODGING: AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA RESORT & SPA AT GRAND NATIONAL



**Nightly Rate: \$175 per room per night, plus tax (currently estimated at 13%)**  
**Resort Services: \$15.00 per room per night | Cut Off Date: Monday, May 4, 2026**

### Housing Block

All state officers, and state staff, are required to stay in the approved housing block at the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National. CTSO Managers will submit room lists to Mandy Nichols by the published cutoff date. Each CTSO will be responsible for lodging payment for all attendees for their CTSO, including both students and teachers/chaperones.

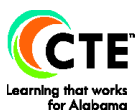
### Resort Services

Our host resort charges a resort fee to each room to make use of the resort amenities. This fee is discounted from the standard rate of \$30.00 per room per night.

### Lodging Stipend

The CTE+CTSO Master Plan will provide a \$500 stipend to each participating CTSO to help offset the costs of lodging. Payment will be sent to CTSOs after registration closes and prior to the Summit.





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# REGISTRATION DETAILS










REGISTRATION LINK: [ALABAMACTSO.ORG/SUMMIT](http://ALABAMACTSO.ORG/SUMMIT)

Complimentary registration is provided to all CTSO state officers. Registration includes:

-  Training program
-  Meeting space rental and venue fees
-  Training resources and materials
-  T-shirt and gift



Each CTSO is responsible for lodging for each state officer. The following meals are provided:

MEAL PLAN			
DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			



## SUMMIT T-SHIRTS

Summit t-shirts are available for any local teacher/chaperone who wishes to purchase them for \$20 per shirt.

