



NOBCCChE  
**Still I thrive!**  
2025 CONFERENCE  
September 22-25, 2025  
Hilton Atlanta, GA

June 19, 2025

# Agenda At-a-Glance

## Sunday, Sept. 21

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Student Social (Student Programs (SP))

## Monday, Sept. 22

8:00 am - 9:00 am PDC Kick-Off: Elevate — Igniting Black Excellence in STEM (Professional Development (PD))

8:00 am - 9:30 am Thriving at NOBCCChE: Opportunities, Networking & Growth (SP mandatory session)

9:00 am - 10:00 am Focus Group Session 1: Elevating the PDC Experience for Career Professionals (PD)

9:00 am - 10:00 am Pioneers in Transition: Academia to Industry (PD)

9:00 am - 11:30 am Technical Sessions

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Resume Reviews (by appointment, SP)

10:00 am - 11:30 am Using AI to Build Your Business Plan (PD)

10:00 am - 11:30 am NOBCCChE Innovation Tank (SP, Submit Proposal)

10:00 am - 11:30 am The First Year Playbook: Mastering Your Transition to Industry (MERCK)

10:00 am - 11:30 am The Many Paths to a Thriving Science Career Beyond the Lab (SP)

11:00 am - 11:30 am Master Scientist Series: Lloyd Ferguson Lecture

11:30 am - 2:00 pm Winifred Burks-Houck Luncheon

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (PD) AI Driven Career Planning: Empowering STEM Students and Professionals with Practical AI Tools

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Welcome to Grad School: What They Didn't Tell You (SP)

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Career Tank: Shaping the Future of Career Innovation @NOBCCChE (PD)

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Technical Sessions

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Gotta Get That Money! Building Your Effective Side Hustle (PD)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm GEM GRAD Lab (SP)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm The Necessity of Failure (SP)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Life as a Black Scientist at a National Lab (PD)

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Master Scientist Series: Winifred Burks-Houck Lecture

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Regional Business Meeting and Mixer



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## Tuesday, Sept. 23

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Afro Biotech: The Intersection of Biotechnology and Representation (SP)
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Empathetic Entrepreneurship (SP)
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am S.W.A.G. 101 - Turn Your Science Into a Brand (PD)
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am The Conference Aftermath: Leveraging Follow-ups to Solidify Your Next Opportunity (PD)
- 8:00 am - 11:30 am Technical Sessions
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am Job Search Success: From Applying to Starting a New Role (SP)
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am From Doubt to Dominance: Interactive Strategies to Conquer Impostor Syndrome in STEM (SP)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am Built to Boom: The Formula For Business Growth Readiness (PD)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am C-Suite I - Charting Your Path: Practical Insights for Graduate Students Pursuing Industry Careers (PD)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am Metacognition: The Key to Thriving in Courses and Research! (SP)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Exploring Innovations: Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in Cosmetic Science (SP)
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Percy Julian Luncheon
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Lab to Market: Unveiling the Ecosystem of Technical Entrepreneurship (PD)
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Secrets of Scholarly Publishing: Top 10 Tips from ACS Editors (SP)
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm The Art of Self Advocacy: Negotiation, Recognition, and Career Growth (PD)
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Unapologetically You: Thriving in STEM Without Code-Switching (SP)
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Technical Sessions
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Channeling that Main Character Energy: Crafting Personal Statements that Standout (SP)
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Self-Advocacy: Protecting Yourself in Academia (SP)
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Chart Your Own Course: A Workshop on Using Individual Development Plans (IDP) (PD)



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- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Building Your Professional Reputation Through Responsible Research and Innovation (PD)
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm NOBCChE ConneXions: Undergraduate Poster Session
- 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Master Scientist Series: Percy Julien Lecture
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3 Minute Rundown (3MR) (SP, Submit Abstract)

## Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 8:00 am - 9:30 am Engineering Influence: How to Build a Brand That Moves People (PD)
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am Pivot Planning: Navigating the Shift from Academia to Industry - Growth Mindset
- 8:00 am - 11:30 am Technical Sessions
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am Black in the Lab: Mental Health, Burnout, and Thriving in STEM (SP)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am C-Suite II: Mastering Executive Presence - Leadership Secrets (mid-career professionals)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am Science Under Fire: Keeping' It Movin' Through Setbacks & Struggles (SP)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am Talk Nerdy to Me: Making Science Clear, Engaging, and Impactful (SP)
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am Master Scientist Series: Joseph Cannon Lecture
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm The Gen Z Survival Kit: Professional Survival Skills for Long-Term Success
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Global Talent, Local Challenges: The International Student Experience (SP)
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Last Lap, Best Lap: Navigating the Road to Graduation (SP)
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Building Leaders and Community in Sustainable and Green Chemistry to Promote Growth in Scientific Environments (PD)
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm NOBCChE ConneXions: Graduate Poster Session
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm REU Power Hour (SP)
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm NOBCChE Collaborative (by Invitation Only)



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- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Focus Group Session 2: Elevating the PDC Experience for Career Professionals (PD)
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Grad School Panel (SP)

## Thursday, Sept. 25

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
- 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Regional Business Meetings
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm NOBCCChE Awards Reception
- 7:00 pm - 12:00 am NOBCCChE Awards Presentation and Celebration