



CHALLENGE SUCCESS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 26 & 27, 2026 | Stanford, CA

What is the Challenge Success Annual Conference?

The Challenge Success Annual Conference is an **annual gathering for K-12 educators, school and district leaders, counselors, families, and students** who are committed to improving well-being, belonging, and engagement for all students.

Challenge Success is a non-profit affiliated with the Stanford Graduate School of Education that partners with K-12 school communities to elevate student voice and implement research-based, equity-centered strategies that improve well-being, engagement, and belonging. Their vision is that educational systems value each student for their unique identities, assets, and individual definitions of success and effectively prepare them for the variety of opportunities and challenges they will encounter in school and beyond. Challenge Success is not a curriculum or one-off program; it's a strategic shift that fosters stronger relationships, a healthier school culture, and improved outcomes for all students.

The 2026 Annual Conference will be held at **Stanford University on September 26–27, 2026**.

Why attend?

The Challenge Success Annual Conference offers a two-day **professional learning experience focused on student well-being, engagement, and belonging**. It brings together educators, school leaders, researchers, counselors, families, and students to explore what it means for all young people to truly thrive.

At the 2026 Annual Conference, you will:

- Learn from **leading researchers and practitioners** who are making meaningful progress on student well-being, reducing unhealthy stress, and building cultures where all kids feel they belong.
- Deepen your understanding of **Challenge Success frameworks**, so you leave with practical, evidence-based strategies you can apply in your classroom, school, or district right away.
- **Hear directly from students** through workshops and sessions centered on student voice, because the young people deserve a seat at the table.
- Network with a **national community of educators and leaders** grappling with the same challenges you face.
- Connect **research to practice** and inspire action you can bring back to your community.

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Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 26

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Deep Dive Workshops

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Role-A-Like Sessions

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Block 1

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Workshop Block 2

Sunday, September 27

8:30-9:15 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Workshop Block 3

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Workshop Block 4

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Deep Dive Workshops

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Closing Session

About the Organizer

Challenge Success is a nonprofit affiliate of the Stanford Graduate School of Education. **Challenge Success has partnered with K-12 school communities for more than 20 years** to elevate student voice and implement research-based, equity-centered strategies to increase student well-being, engagement, and belonging.

At the heart of our work is the **S.P.A.C.E. Framework for School Change**[™], a research-based, equity-centered approach to school change organized around five key elements of the student experience: Supportive Schedule and Use of Time, Pedagogy That Engages, Alternative and Authentic Assessment, Climate of Care, and Education for Everyone. This framework guides how we think about meaningful, lasting change for students. All conference workshops have an element of SPACE woven throughout, whether that's grounding a session in equitable assessment practices, exploring how schedule design impacts student stress, or elevating student voice as a driver of school culture.

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Hi [Name],

I wanted to share a conference I think could be really valuable for our team: the [Challenge Success Annual Conference](#) at Stanford University on September 26 and 27, 2026.

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I think sending even a small group from our school could be powerful. We'd come back with shared language and concrete ideas to build on together. Tickets are \$1,095 individually or \$875 per person for groups of four or more.

Would love to find a few minutes to talk it over if you're open to it!

[Your name]

Hi [Name],

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The individual ticket price is \$1,095. I'm happy to share a recap or present what I learned with the broader staff when I return.

Would love to chat if you're open to it!

[Your name]

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