

Sample Schedule Only. Final schedule to be shared closer to program. Program start and close times are confirmed.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

August 2 - 6, 2026 • Ithaca, NY **Virtual Kickoff: TBD**



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SUNDAY • 8/2	MONDAY • 8/3	TUESDAY • 8/4	WEDNESDAY • 8/5	THURSDAY • 8/6
HOTEL INFORMATION: The Statler Hotel 130 Statler Drive Ithaca, NY 14853	6:00 - 7:00 AM Morning Movement - TBA	6:30 - 7:30 AM Morning Movement - TBA	6:30 - 7:30 AM Morning Movement - TBA	6:30 - 7:30 AM Morning Movement - TBA
	7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast	7:00 - 7:45 AM Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast
	8:00 - 8:30 AM Welcome & Connection <i>Professor Dan Hooker</i>	7:45 AM - Board bus to Mt. Pleasant 8:00 - 10:15 AM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	8:30 - 10:30 AM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	8:30 - 10:00 AM Storytelling/Executive Presence <i>Faculty TBD</i>
	8:30 - 10:00 AM Critical Thinking Advantage <i>Professor Risa Mish</i>			10:00 - 10:30 AM Break & Hotel Checkout
	10:00 - 10:15 AM Break	10:15 - 10:30 AM Break	10:15 - 10:30 AM Break	10:30 - 11:30 AM NACS Closing <i>Speaker TBA</i>
	10:15 AM - 12:00 PM Motivating Optimal Performance <i>Professor Risa Mish</i>	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Closing Ceremony <i>Professor Dan Hooker</i>
	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch	12:15 PM To-Go Lunches
	1:00 - 3:45 PM Negotiation Skills for Leaders <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	1:00 - 3:00 PM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	1:00 - 3:00 PM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: Dan Hooker (201) 312-5159 PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Anna Bond ajb488@cornell.edu (716) 816-9798
	3:45 - 4:00 PM Break	3:00 PM Return to Statler	3:00 - 3:30 PM Break	
	4:00 - 6:00 PM Strategy (Sim Setup) <i>Professor Sarah Wolfolds</i>	3:30 - 5:30 PM VUCA Leadership <i>Kyle Vowinkel</i>	3:30 - 5:00 PM Making Change Happen <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	
4:00 PM Statler Hotel Check-In <i>Early check-in available upon request</i>				
6:00 - 8:30 PM Orientation and Dinner - in Taylor A&B on the 2nd floor of the Statler	6:00 - 8:00 PM Reception and Dinner on campus	5:30 PM Free Night	5:30 - 9:30 PM Closing Dinner	