



**New England Association
for College Admission Counseling**

Opening Doors to Higher Education in New England

NEACAC Advanced Counselor Roundtable 2026

9:00 am Opening Remarks

Luigi Solla, Advanced Counselor Roundtable Chair

Diane Soboski, Advanced Counselor Roundtable Chair-Elect

Sharonda Dailey Thompson, NEACAC President

9:15 am Deans & Directors Panel

- *Michelle Cloutier, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Bryant University*
- *Cornell LeSane, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, College of the Holy Cross*
- *Matthew McGann, Vice President and Dean of Admission & Financial Aid, Amherst College*
- *Molly Miner, Vice President of Enrollment Management & Marketing, Elms College*
- *Moses Murphy, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions & New Student Orientation, University of Vermont*

10:45 am Roundtable Discussion #1: Panel Debrief *(participants will be randomly assigned to a small breakout room)*

11:10 am 5 Minute Break

11:15 am Roundtable Discussion #2: Let's talk about __? *[participants choose one topic per session]*

- *The Volume Surge: How application growth is reshaping admissions*
- *The AI Conversation: How AI is changing applications, counseling, and admissions*
- *Testing Today: Standardized testing, test prep, and the evolving test-optional landscape*

11:45 am Quick Lunch break

12:15 pm AIRR-NA Session

- *Jim Pierson, Senior Regional Manager, North America, University College Dublin, Ireland*
- *Amanda Carroll, Senior Regional Manager, James Cook University, Australia*

1:20 pm Roundtable Discussion #3: Let's talk about __? *[participants choose one topic per session]*

- *Heading South: Understanding the growing appeal of Southern colleges and how to best advise students*

- *The Cost Conversation: Strategies for navigating affordability, financial aid, merit scholarships, and family expectations.*
- *The New Playbook: Supporting student-athletes amid evolving NCAA rules and recruiting practices*

1:50 pm Gathering & Closing

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