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Xello Florida Summit 2026

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Cohort:

CTE



Date:

February 19–20, 2026



Location:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake
Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Welcome to the 2026 Xello Florida Summit: Connect, Collaborate, Celebrate

We're so glad you're joining us!

You'll join a community of Florida educators, counselors, administrators, and workforce partners who share a common goal, ensuring every student is future-ready.

This year's Summit is designed to celebrate your impact while equipping you with fresh ideas, proven strategies, and connections that will strengthen college, career, and life readiness across our state. You'll notice that each workshop session is organized by cohort, the one you selected during registration. These tailored sessions are meant to help you connect with peers who share your focus area and explore approaches most relevant to your role.

We encourage you to participate fully, ask questions, and share your own experiences. Together, we'll continue building a stronger, more connected Florida workforce pipeline, one student at a time. We're thrilled to have you with us.

Let's connect, collaborate, and celebrate!

Sincerely,
The Xello Team




 5-6 PM

 Palms ABC Foyer


Welcome reception


 6-7 PM

 Palms ABC

Todd Speciale

KEYNOTE

 7-9 PM

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Xello Awards Dinner & Celebration

⌵ 6:30-9:30 AM

📍 Bar and Complimentary
Breakfast**Drop-in breakfast**

Drop in for breakfast anytime during the morning window.

⌵ 9:45-10:15 AM

📍 Palms ABC


Opening Session, Shedly Casseus**KEYNOTE**

⌵ 10:30-11:15 AM


📍 Cypress 3


From Chaos to Clarity: Building Cohesive Systems to Track Student Progress

Student experiences, credentials, certifications, and learning artifacts often get lost in fragmented systems, including spreadsheets, binders, and various emails. This session will guide CTE educators from chaos to clarity by showcasing how Xello can unify and simplify student progress tracking. Explore examples of districts that have built cohesive systems using Xello's portfolio builder, experiences timeline, and reporting tools. Through a hands-on activity, participants will identify pain points in their current tracking processes and leave with practical next steps for building systems that make student achievements visible, portable, and actionable across departments.


 11:15-11:30 AM**Break** 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Cypress 1-2**From Classrooms to Careers**

CTE leaders and community partners will explore how students move from classroom learning to real careers by showcasing or imagining the experiences and supports that make this transition meaningful. In a collaborative makerspace environment, participants will model a current practice from their community or create an ideal one they wish existed. Together, they will identify the essential elements that make these models effective and determine the partnerships and system supports needed to strengthen and scale them. This session blends creativity and collaboration to shape Florida's classroom-to-career pathways.

 12:15-1:15 PM Palms ABC**Lunch: FDOE address**


 1:15-1:30 PM

Break


 1:30-2:15 PM Palms ABC

When CTE and Counseling Collide (in a Good Way)

This session explores practical strategies for fostering collaboration between Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators and school counselors. Participants will examine real-world examples of joint initiatives, from pathway programs to integrated college and career readiness support using Xello. Through interactive activities, attendees map overlapping goals, identify areas of misalignment, and develop shared strategies to unify student support. By aligning messaging, coordinating planning, and leveraging shared tools, districts can transform fragmented support into seamless pathways, ensuring students receive a clear, cohesive roadmap that blends college preparation, career exploration, and work-based learning for meaningful student success.



 2:15-2:30 PM

Break


 2:30-3:15 PM Cypress 3

From Exploration to Action: Leveraging Xello for Work-Based Learning Success

Turn career exploration into meaningful real-world experiences. In this interactive session, discover how Xello's work-based learning tools can bridge the gap between student curiosity and community opportunity. Learn practical ways to engage families, strengthen partnerships with local employers, and help students gain hands-on experience aligned with their goals. Through collaborative case studies and real examples, attendees will explore how to overcome common barriers, like limited employer engagement or inconsistent tracking systems. Leave with actionable strategies to connect exploration with action.

 3:15-3:30 PM Palms ABC

Break

 3:30-4 PM Palms ABC

Closing: Thank yous & goodbyes



KEYNOTE

**Todd Speciale,
MSGA Consulting**

Todd Speciale, CEO MSGA Consulting, is a renowned motivational speaker, sales/business and leadership expert, and three-time best-selling author. Known as "The Culture Creator," he transforms teams with integrity-driven leadership, training c-suite executives and inspiring thousands with his authentic results-focused approach.



KEYNOTE

**Shedly Casseus,
The Scholarship Plug**

Shedly Casseus Parnter is a national trailblazer in education and entrepreneurship, guiding over 8,500 students to secure millions in scholarships. As founder of The Scholarship Plug, she leads 60+ annual workshops that ignite ambition, build community partnerships, and turn college dreams into funded realities.



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Magdalisse Castillo

**Business Technology Teacher,
Highlands County**

Originally from Puerto Rico, I hold an Accounting Certificate earned in high school CTE, a Bachelor's in Business, and a Master's in Adult Education. With four years teaching CTE and three years as a college Career Coach, I'm committed to advancing student career and academic success.



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Kevin Farrell

Workforce Coach, Martin County

Kevin Farrell, workforce coach for the Martin County School District, supports CAP grant initiatives and CTE programs. Kevin previously had a distinguished military career spanning 24 years, with work in Military Police, Intelligence and Air Defense, recently retiring as a field grade officer, residing in Stuart, FL.



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Christopher Grace

Resource Teacher, Orange County

Christopher Grace is the Resource Teacher for Student Services K-12 for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, FL. While Christopher has had ten years in Education, he has worked with students in a variety of ways for over 30 years. His passion for students and their post-secondary success is reflected in his belief that all students have the opportunity to succeed. Empowering students by educating them on the choices and the pathways they can go through to achieve their post-secondary goals reinforces his passion for student success.

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