



# Call to Conference

## New York College Learning Skills Association Symposium 2025

### ***Re-COGNITION: The Pillars of Student Success***

Rochester, New York, April 6 - 7, 2025 (Sunday-Monday)

#### **Re-COGNITION: The Pillars of Student Success**

Join NYCLSA at the RIT Inn and Conference Center (<https://www.rit.edu/ritinn/>) for the April 6-7 NYCLSA 2025 Symposium!

Are you navigating the complexities of student support in higher education? Seeking fresh ideas to enhance student success, foster collaboration, or tackle challenges in your professional life? Feeling the need to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with colleagues who truly understand your experiences? Wondering about the future of higher education and your career?

This April, NYCLSA is coming together in Rochester to celebrate **Re-COGNITION: The Pillars of Student Success**. This conference will be a platform for sharing insights, exploring innovative practices, and strengthening the foundations of student success. It is *the* place to explore the challenges inherent in higher education as we face the demographic cliff and the (potential) demise of the USDOE. Together, we can devise ways to thwart the threats and take advantage of the opportunities facing us in the coming year.

Join us for thought-provoking sessions, networking opportunities, and strategies to inspire you, your students, and your tutors. Whether you're focusing on innovative solutions, fostering collaboration, or reflecting on self-care, ***this symposium is for you.***

Sign up now to reserve your spot. Let's come together to support each other, share our stories, and build the future of student success.

We can't wait to see you there!

# Symposium Highlights

In addition to Sunday and Monday's conference sessions, this year's symposium has TWO keynote speakers.

Our Sunday dinner speaker will be **Dr. Hunter Boylan**

Dr. Boylan is the world-renowned Director Emeritus of the National Center for Development Education and the major researcher in our field for 40+ years (check out this list: [\(Hunter R. Boylan - Google Scholar\)](#)). His insights on the future of our field will be inspirational. If you have heard Dr. Boylan before, you know how good he is. If you have not, this is your chance to experience the founding father of our field.

The 2-hour Sunday pre-symposium and the Monday luncheon keynote speaker is **Leonard Geddes**. Dr. Geddes is a nationally recognized thought leader in metacognitive learning and the founder of [The LearnWell Projects](#). As the author of *How to Successfully Transition Students into College: From Traps to Triumph* (Routledge, 2023), he bridges the gap between content mastery and cognitive development, equipping educators with actionable strategies that elevate student learning and performance.

Mr. Geddes also empowers learning center professionals to lead institutional change and establish themselves as essential architects of student success. His innovative frameworks not only enhance how students learn but also position educators and learning support professionals as catalysts for systemic transformation in higher education.

## Three Things to Do:

### First, Conference Registration Fees and Dates

<p>2/1/2025 till 3/22/2025 at 5pm</p>	<p><b>Registration Deadlines</b></p> <p><b>Full-Time Member Fee: \$375</b></p> <p><b>Full-Time New Member Fee: \$425</b> <i>(includes membership, good to 6.30.25)</i></p> <p><b>Part-time/Adjunct and Retired Member Fee: \$375</b></p> <p><b>New Part-time/Adjunct and Retired Member Fee: \$400</b> <i>(includes membership, good to 6.30.25)</i></p> <p><b>Student/Graduate Student Fee: \$350</b> <i>(includes membership, good to 6.30.25)</i></p>
<p>3/22/2025 till Conference day</p>	<p><b>Late and On-site Registration Deadline</b></p> <p><b>\$475 per person, regardless of position</b></p>
<p><b>Donation</b></p>	<p><b>Please consider donating to the Student Scholarship:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Please consider donating to the Professional Development Scholarship:</b></p> <p>_____</p>

**Register Now – Registration Closes**  
**March 22, 2025 (5PM)**

## Second, Hotel Registration

NYCLSA Symposium attendees and guests are eligible for a discounted RIT Inn room rate of \$143/night for standard rooms and \$191 for executive rooms. This rate is available from Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. **The hotel deadline for the discounted rate is March 22, 2025; be sure to make your reservations early!**

\*\*Please note: If your institution is tax-exempt, you MUST provide a tax-exempt form in advance or at check-in, as well as an institutionally provided check, purchase order, or credit card. The hotel CANNOT accept your own personal check or credit card and give you the tax-exempt status, even if you will be reimbursed by your institution, even if you have the institutional tax-exempt certificate. The form of payment must match the tax-exempt form exactly. We totally recommend that you take care of this in advance rather than at the front desk!

**\*\*Again, note: Hotel discount rate ends March 22<sup>nd</sup>. <https://www.rit.edu/ritinn/>  
The code is 250404CLSA; the phone is 585.359.1800 if you need it.**

## Third, Saturday Events: Come Early; Stay Late

***Come to the NYCLSA Symposium a day early (Sat., April 5, 2025) to enjoy some great events and an additional opportunity to meet other folks attending the conference. Spouses, partners, and kids are welcome to join!***

- (1) For a 10% discount, you may go to 7:30PM PM show on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, of the play, *Anything Goes!* At the OFC Creations Theatre Center. Call 585.667.0954 (Lauren Bowen) with the code NYCLSA for your tickets; ask to sit with NYCLSA folks. We will join in the lobby in advance to go to dinner prior to the show.
- (2) If you'd like to see the Rochester Knighthawks vs the Ottawa BlackBears (lacrosse game) <https://rochesterknighthawks.com/>
- (3) And the Strong National Museum of Play is open on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 8 and on Sunday from 10-5 (the Symposium begins at 1:00).

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## Hope to See You There!