46th Annual NSEE Conference

**FROM PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE:**

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION INNOVATION IN A CHANGING WORLD**

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*The Don CeSar Hotel*

St. Pete Beach, Florida

The 46th NSEE Annual Conference will explore experiential education innovations that impact contemporary teaching and learning practice while grounded in NSEE’s *Eight Principles of Good Practice for All Experiential Learning Activities*. When we return to the fundamentals in experiential education we find vision, hope, strategy, and effective practices for innovative student focused initiatives in a changing world. This conference will provide opportunities for all levels of experiential education practitioners to share their successes and their opportunities, to pose questions, to solve problems, and to identify new directions for experiential education.

The social, political, and environmental challenges we face today highlight the critical importance of infusing experiential pedagogies across the educational lifecycle. Additionally, experiential pedagogies may increase student engagement, retention, and resilience while preparing students to live and succeed in a complex world.

Internships, service learning, education abroad, co-operative education, project-based work, and research are the high impact practices that scholarship has shown lead to lifelong learning, independent thinking, critical reflection, civic engagement, social responsibility, and problem-solving.

These are the very skills and attitudes the founding theorists of experiential education identified as being most important for student growth. Embedding high-impact teaching practices into our educational programs and providing students with concrete and authentic learning experiences in which they can reflect upon, conceptualize, and actively experiment with contemporary problems leads to innovative teaching and student transformations. This is an exciting educational agenda that takes on new relevance in our rapidly changing times.

Join NSEE as members and friends explore these and related issues at the 46th Annual Conference on the beach in sunny St. Pete Beach, Florida. In a world undergoing real transformation, learn to apply NSEE’s *Eight Principles of Good Practice for All Experiential Learning Activities* to experiential programs at your home institution. Meet and share experiences with educators, practitioners, and faculty who use experiential education in innovative ways and that advance the theory and practice of Experiential Education. Enroll in NSEE’s *pre-conference workshops* delivered by the *Experiential Education Academy* (EEA) and gain theoretical foundations and practical insights into good practice in experiential program design, delivery and assessment.

*NSEE invites you to discuss these issues by attending the NSEE annual conference*
Topical areas of investigation for the 46th NSEE Annual Conference include:

- How does intention play a role, not only in the initial design of experiential education (EE) activities, but in their ongoing implementation and improvement?
- How do we use NSEE Eight Principles of Good Practice to promote academic, civic, and ethical learning in students?
- What strategies have enhanced the preparedness of students, community partners, and others for a successful EE experience?
- What strategies of assessment and evaluation produce valid and actionable insights for EE at a program, department or institutional level?
- What new authentic, real-world contexts could EE practitioners make use of given technological and other changes?
- How can the reflective process be used in all phases of experiential learning?
- What are the impacts of EE on student engagement and persistence?
- What innovative practices in orientation and training can enhance the EE experience for educators, students, and/or community partners?
- How can educators effectively and efficiently monitor the quality of their EE activities and promote continuous improvement?
- How can excellent EE practice be acknowledged in tenure/promotion and other personnel processes?
- What forms of EE help learners respond and adapt to dramatic social changes, both on and off campus?
- How can EE not only respond to a changing world, but also cause change in the world?
- How do we ensure that innovations in experiential education respond to the needs of diverse groups and voices?

NSEE’s 46th Annual Conference addresses these and related questions by exploring how K-16 experiential educators can draw from the visions and theories of the past to address and redress the pressing social problems and global challenges of today.

*Participate by attending the many conference workshops, sessions, roundtable discussions led by faculty, administrators or students using principles of good practice in experiential education for both understanding and changing our world.*