

We look forward to seeing all of you next week in Columbus at the 2026 Leadership Symposium! Please review the information below for everything you need to know before you travel to Columbus. It is also available on our [website](#), which is also where any late-breaking announcements will be posted.

Before You Travel

- **Pack for the weather!** The latest forecast has temps in the 30s with chances of rain and snow. Be prepared to dress warmly.
- **Bring a red outfit** to wear on Saturday at the Midwest Choral Blockbuster and After Party!
- **Buy your ticket for the [After Party](#)!** Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend the after party at AXIS, regardless of whether you registered for Symposium. Purchase tickets in advance online [here](#); use code GALA26 for a discounted price of \$20 before 2/8, and \$25 on 2/8 and before 2/14. Tickets at the door are \$30. Attendees must be 21+.
- If you haven't booked your **accommodations** yet, we recommend checking the [Renaissance Columbus Downtown](#) (our room block is full but you may be able to book directly with them) or [The Plaza Hotel](#), both just a couple blocks from the Riffe Center.
- **Shark Tank applications are due Monday, 2/9!** Don't miss your chance to win a \$5,000 grant for a project that benefits your chorus & community—application and details are available [here](#).
- **Schedule your 1:1 sessions** with Kathleen Hansen, 411 Advisor for artistic development, and Reese Schmid, Membership & Communications Manager. Eve Campbell's schedule is currently full but keep an eye out for cancellations if you're interested in meeting with her. Book your spot [here](#); more information is available [here](#).
- **If you rsvp'd for one of the Thursday welcome dinners**, a confirmation email with location details will be sent to you early next week. [Sign-ups](#) close on Sunday 2/8.

While You're Here

- The Symposium takes place at the **Riffe Center** at 77 S High St in Columbus. You can review directions and accessibility information [here](#). You should **use the High Street entrance**—there is a metal detector and security at the desk.
- **If you are driving to the Riffe Center**, you can park in the Riffe Center Parking Garage connected to the venue (102 S Front St) for free after 6pm on Thursday and Friday, and beginning at 9am on Saturday. The garage will say it's full, but it will open to incoming cars. Parking outside of those hours can use any pay lot on the street or the parking garage under the State House or under the Columbus Commons - at the Ohio Theatre.
- **The official Symposium schedule is on [Integra](#)**, and you can create your own custom schedule from your account. You can download the mobile app on the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). Don't forget to manually refresh the app to check for the latest schedule changes!
- **Don't miss our [special events](#) on Friday and Saturday evening!** You have free access to the Ensemble Showcase and Midwest Choral Blockbuster (and the reception

with a complimentary buffet and drinks for purchase beforehand) as a registered attendee.

- **Your friends and family who are not registered can also attend these events but must purchase tickets—[\\$20 plus fees for Friday](#) and [\\$30 plus fees for Saturday, performance only](#).**
- Explore downtown Columbus with our [local recommendations](#).
- Again—any emergency updates will go on the [Symposium page](#) on our website.

Safe travels & see you soon!