### The 18th Annual Academic Excellence Symposium

# **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

#### Theme:

# Classrooms, Careers and Community

## **Due January 23, 2026**

This year's symposium on February 27, 2026 encourages educators and practitioners to share innovative strategies that foster meaningful learning experiences, empower students to contribute to their communities, while preparing them for future career pathways.

Daytona State College is seeking proposals that reflect both applied and theoretical approaches to academic excellence, ensuring space for classroom innovation, scholarly research, and community-based learning.

#### Consider one of the following themes when submitting your proposal:

**Community and the Classroom** — Explore service learning, civic engagement, and strategies for integrating community partnerships into academic instruction. How do students and faculty add value to their local communities through academic work, clinical placements, dual enrollment, or other initiatives?

**Future Pathways** — Showcase how academic experiences shape students' career trajectories, including soft skills development, mentorship, and experiential learning. How do educators support students facing personal, financial, or systemic barriers to success? What methods have institutions used in responding to students' needs with empathy and innovation?

**Sustainability and Entrepreneurship** — Highlight projects or pedagogies that promote sustainable thinking, entrepreneurial spirit, and real-world problem-solving. In what ways do institutions encourage students to apply these pedagogies to the local community and industry?

**Technology and Innovation** — Share how digital tools, Al, and academic technologies are used to enhance learning while maintaining ethical, best practices. How are educators leveraging existing and emerging technologies to create accessible and personalized learning environments? How is technology helping build relationships between education and the community?

Additional information including the proposal submittal form can be found clicking this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/bRwD0efcAp">https://forms.office.com/r/bRwD0efcAp</a>. Please direct any questions to the Department of Learning and Development at <a href="mailto:ProDevo@DaytonaState.edu">ProDevo@DaytonaState.edu</a>.



