

OHIO STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

20  26
VOICES TO VISION

AKRON, OHIO | JAN 31 - FEB 1ST, 2026

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WELCOME TO OSGS!



Welcome to the Ohio Student Government Summit (OSGS) 2026!

OSGS was founded at the University of Akron in February 2015, starting with eight participating schools and 50 attendees. Its success led to an annual tradition, with a brief pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since its return in 2021, OSGS has grown significantly in both programming and attendance, becoming a cornerstone event for student leaders across the region.

For over a decade, OSGS has provided a platform for student government members to exchange ideas, collaborate on initiatives, and explore innovative ways to enhance their universities. OSGS fosters a collaborative environment where participants can network, build professional skills, and discuss important topics shaping higher education. Alongside peer connections, OSGS offers valuable opportunities to engage with professionals through keynote speeches and speaker sessions.

The theme for OSGS 2026 is "**Voices to Vision**." This theme highlights the power of collective expression and the transformation of ideas into action. OSGS 2026 will empower student leaders to amplify their voices, align their passions with meaningful goals, and translate dialogue into impact, both on your campus and beyond graduation. Our goal is for you to leave this weekend inspired, equipped for your next steps, and ready to empower those who follow in your footsteps.

We are incredibly excited to welcome you to our campus and look forward to hearing about your university and organization!

Sincerely,
The Ohio Student Government Summit Committee

Hannah Kelly | OSGS Committee Chair
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Megan McCracken, Nicholas Senko, Riley Viator, Rylee Flickinger, & Sridevi Swaminathan



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

- 8:00a - 9:00a: Doors Open
- 9:00a - 9:30a: Check-In
- 9:30a - 9:45a: Welcome & Introductions
- 9:45a - 10:45a: Student Government Showcase
- 11:00a - 11:45a: Speaker Session 1
- 12:00p - 12:45p: Boardroom Session 1
- 12:45p - 1:45p: Lunch (Provided)
- 2:00p - 3:00p: Keynote Speaker
- 3:15p - 4:00p: Speaker Session 2
- 4:15p - 5:00p: Boardroom Session 2
- 5:15p - 5:30p: Day One Closing
- 5:30p - 7:30p: Dinner (Not provided);
Release from conference
- 7:30p - 9:00p: Mixer (Optional)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

- 9:00a - 9:15a: Welcome Back
- 9:15a - 10:20a: Closing Speaker
- 10:20a - 11:00a: Brunch (Provided)
- 11:00a - 11:30a: Awards Ceremony
- 11:30a - 12:15p: Group Activity/Game
- 12:15p - 12:30p: Closing Statements and Group Photo





SPEAKER SESSIONS



Saturday, January 31st



GRETA JOHNSON, ESQ. ELECTED, DIRECTED: GOVERNANCE GUIDED BY CONSTITUENTS

Student Union Room 312 (11:00 am)

Greta Johnson is a former Ohio State Representative and seasoned public servant whose career centers on constituent-driven governance. From criminal prosecutor to legislative leader and now Assistant Chief of Staff for Summit County, she champions accountability, advocacy, and policy shaped by the voices of the communities she serves.

KIMBERLY BECKETT THE POWER OF MANY VOICES IN SHAPING AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Student Union Room 310 (11:00 am)

As President of the Downtown Akron Partnership, this is a discussion of Downtown Akron Partnership's focus on community engagement and bringing diverse partners together to move the neighborhood, city, and region forward--with opportunities for students to learn how they can get involved.



TOWANDA MULLINS PHILANTHROPY - LIVE IT OUT LOUD!

Student Union Room 335 (11:00 am)

Towanda Mullins is a visionary, philanthropy-driven leader advancing education, economic development, and social justice. Through grassroots action, veteran support, scholarships, and the Sojourner Truth Legacy Plaza, she champions giving back—living philanthropy out loud to create lasting community impact.

Saturday, January 31st



JUSTIN EVERETT HILTON **THE PARADOX OF CHOICE**

Student Union Room 310 (3:15 pm)

Justin has 30+ years of experience in executive leadership, higher education, public and community relations, consulting, project management, architecture, and business. He's studied & lived in 7 different European countries, is a contemplative conversationalist and a servant communitarian for schools, universities, businesses, associations, foundations, and non-profit and community organizations.

JAROD PICCOLI **PROBLEMS TO POSSIBILITIES:** **TURNING CHALLENGES INTO CHANGE**

Student Union Room 312 (3:15 pm)

Jarod Piccioli is the Coordinator of Professional Development & Leadership Initiatives in the Institute for Professional & Leadership Development within the College of Business. He believes that challenges fuel growth, and his interactive session "Problems to Possibilities" explores how student leaders can turn obstacles into action and carry their Voices to Vision.



DR. ANNA BALL AND AMINA HALL **TIME, TALENT, TREASURE:** **POWER OF GIVING AND RELATIONSHIPS**

Student Union Room 335 (3:15 pm)

Amina Hall, Senior Manager of Fund Development, and Dr. Anna Ball, Director of Resident Services, serve the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Together they lead fundraising, partnerships, and comprehensive resident services impacting more than 24,000 residents. Their work advances equity, housing stability, and opportunity through strategic giving, strong community relationships, and people-centered programs that support long-term success.



KEYNOTE AND CLOSING



DR. CRISTINA GONZÁLEZ ALCALÁ | VISION IN THE FACE OF FEAR: COURAGEOUS AND CREATIVE LEADERSHIP IN A POLARIZED WORLD

Student Union Ballroom / Saturday, Jan 31 at 2:00pm

Dr. Cristina González Alcalá is a Mexican-born changemaker and equity-driven leader known for courageous, creative leadership in polarized spaces. As Director of Community Investment at Akron Community Foundation and a UA lecturer, she advances justice, belonging, and bold vision—leading with strategy, heart, and fear-defying purpose.

HENRY JOHNSON JR. | VOICES TO VISION

Student Union Ballroom / Sunday, Feb 1 at 9:15am

Henry Johnson, Jr. is a servant leader and community bridge builder with over two decades of experience elevating people and ideas in Summit County. As Vice President of Programs & Operations at Leadership Akron, he transforms voices into vision, designing leadership experiences that center listening, collaboration, and inclusive community impact.



OSGS 2026 GROUPCHAT

**JOIN THE GROUPCHAT
AND NETWORK WITH
OTHERS AT THE SUMMIT!
SHARE NOTES, PHOTOS,
LINKEDINS, AND
CONTACTS.**



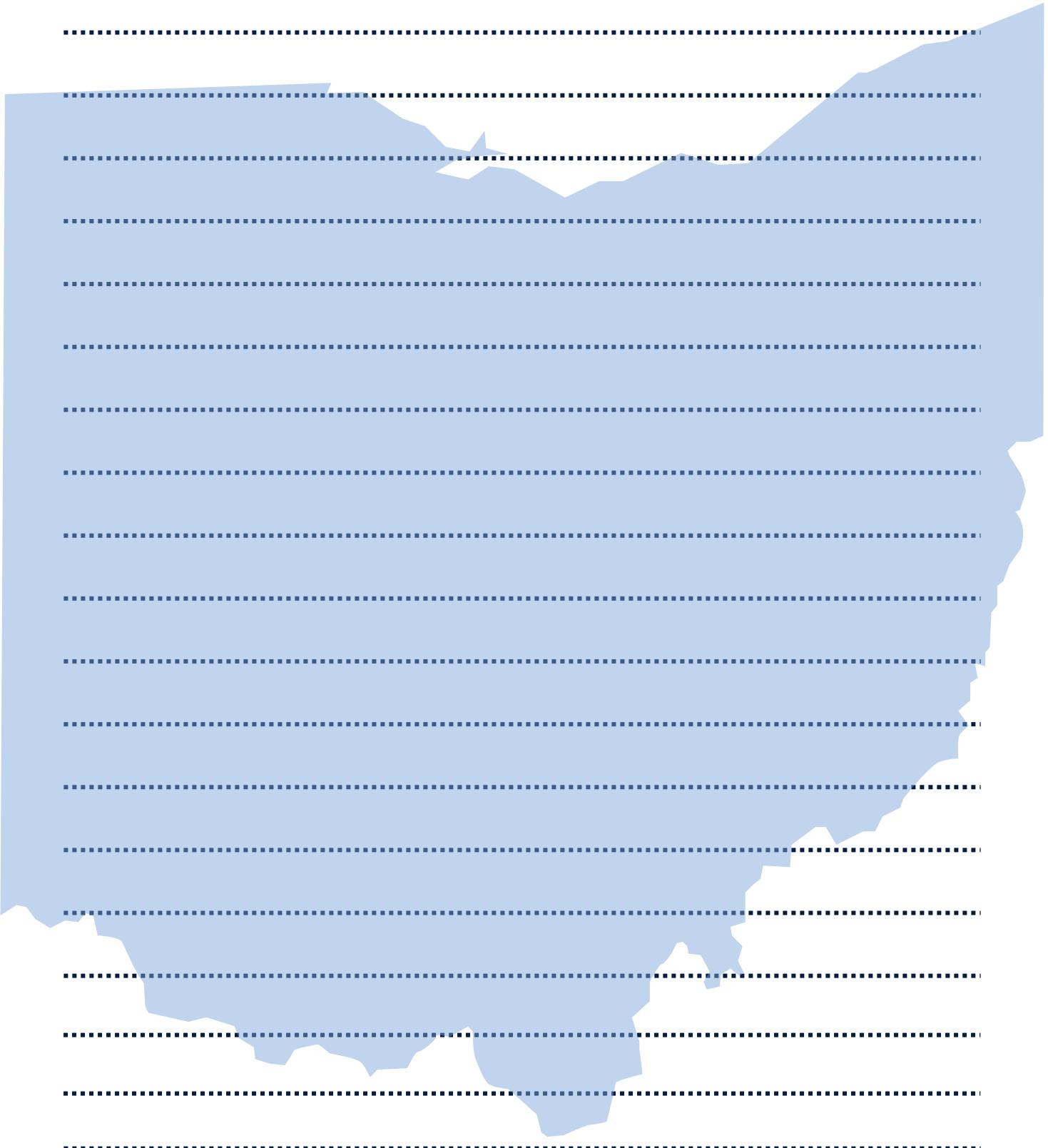
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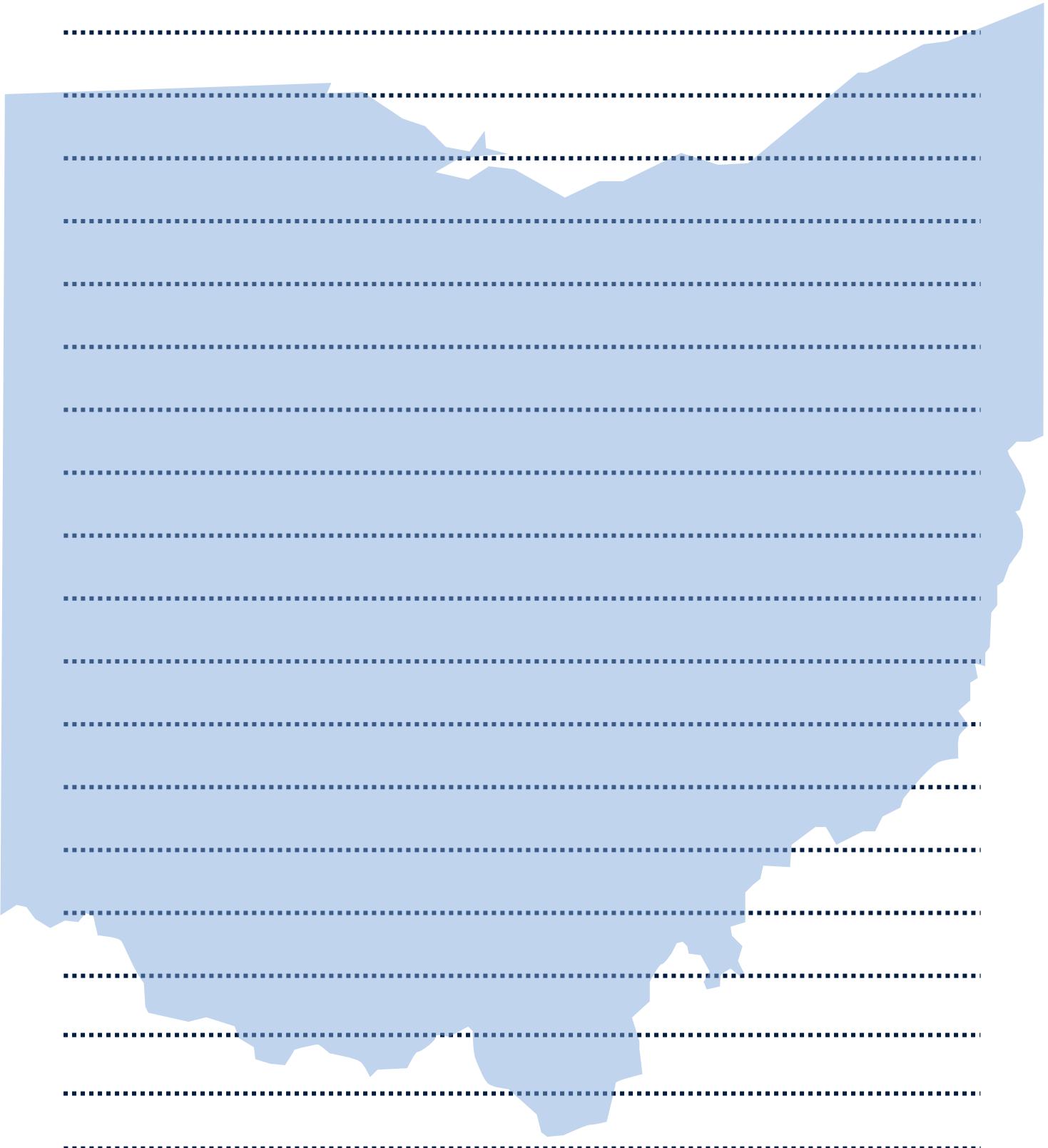
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If you have questions, comments or concerns reach out to usgchiefofstaff@uakron.edu. For urgent matters during the event, find OSGS Committee Members with the orange ribbon on their lanyard.



Thank you for attending the Ohio Student Government Summit! We look forward to furthering our connection with your student government in the future!
OSGS 2027 will take place **January 30-31, 2027**.