




Alabama Higher Education Suicide Prevention Conference

Call for Presentation Proposals

 **Location:** Troy University – Montgomery, AL Campus

 **Date:** August 28, 2026

 **Format:** In-person (with virtual options)

Conference Theme

Partnering for Prevention: Campus + Community Impact

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. Increasing awareness and access to mental health and suicide prevention services both on and off campus are essential to student wellness and suicide reduction.

We invite research and practice-based presentations that strengthen awareness, prevention, and support systems.

Announcing the Keynote Speaker

We are excited to announce our Keynote this year. Kevin Hines is a Survivor, Storyteller, and Film Maker. He is a best-selling author, global public speaker, and award-winning documentary filmmaker. He will be providing our keynote as well as a question-and-answer session. Read more about his story here:

<https://kevinhinesstory.com/>

We hope that you all join us and contribute to this exciting conference as a session speaker.

Suggested Presentation Topics

- Supporting populations at increased risk for suicidal behaviors
- Strengthening protective factors and reducing access to lethal means
- Increasing awareness of help-seeking behaviors by development and implementation of techniques to reduce stigma associated with mental health concerns
- Connecting students with community-based mental health resources

- Implementing gatekeeper trainings (QPR, Campus Connect, Mental Health First Aid)
- Identifying effective treatment aimed at addressing co-occurring disorders such as with the intersection of suicide and mental illness with substance use
- Developing institutional protocols for students in crisis with community partnerships
- Suicide risk assessment and screening practices
- Creating a campus-wide culture of wellness
- Building interdisciplinary prevention teams on and off campus
- Postvention strategies
- Clinical approaches to suicide prevention
- Securing funding for prevention programs

Note: This list is not exhaustive—additional topics are welcome.

Proposal Guidelines

- Presenters may be listed on **up to 2 proposals**
 - Proposals **cannot be edited after submission**
 - Presenters are expected to **present in person**
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Important Dates

Proposal Deadline June 30, 2026 (Date has been extended)

Acceptance Notification July 6, 2026

Presenter Confirmation July 17, 2026

 [Submit Your Proposal](#)


 **Submission Link / QR Code:**



https://troy.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b96okmovrIJ3wHQ

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Additional Information

✓ NBCC Continuing Education Hours will be available

 Together, we can strengthen prevention efforts and support student wellness.