




2026 Convocation Day Agenda

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Convocation Day August 13, 2026

Session	Time	Location	Title	Presenters
	7:30a to 8:15a	Student Center	Lite Breakfast	
Session 1	8:30a – 9:00a	Virtual- Zoom	President’s Welcome & Exec Cabinet Updates	Dr. Char Perlas VP Fields VP Walton VP Ericsson Director Wilson
Session 2	9:30a – 11a	The Green	Keynote Speaker: Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships - Decoding Social Mysteries Through the Unique Perspectives of Autism.	Dr. Temple Grandin*
	11:15a – 11:30a	The Green	2026 Employee Picture	All
	11:30a – 12:30p	The Green	Lunch	All
	12:00p – 1:30p	The Green	Dr. Temple Grandin Book Signing	All
Sessions 3 & 4: Optional for Classified Professionals and ASM				
Session 3	1:00p – 2:00p	SCI 110 ESTC 107	Faculty Focused: Legal Guidance for new ADA Title II Regs Classified & ASM Focused: Guide for Frontline Staff	Jessie Weber Dr. Jeremiah Sims
Session 4 (optional)	2:15p – 3:15p	Virtual: Zoom	Diligent ‘Community’ Training: BoardDocs is being replaced/upgraded with ‘Community’.	Diligent Community Rep.
Session 4	3:30p – 4:15p	ESTC 107 Board Room SCI 110 ESTC 113	Division Meetings: CTE Nursing/Health Sciences Liberal Arts Athletics	Dean CTE, Sims Dean Health Sciences, Coppi Dean Liberal Arts, Roberts President, Perlas
Optional	5:00p – 6:30p	Cooper’s Mt. Shasta	President’s Start of Fall Semester Social & Reception for new Staff & Faculty	

*See last page for Dr. Temple Grandin’s Bio



2026 Faculty Flex Day Agenda

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Faculty Flex Day Friday August 14, 2026

Session	Time	Location	Title	Presenters
Session 1	9:00a – 10:00a	ESTC 107	CourseDog Training	CourseDog Rep
Session 2	10:15– 11:45a	ESTC 107	SLO & Assessment Workshop	Ann Womack and/or Liz Carlyle
Session 3	12:00p – 1:00p	ESTC 107	Working Lunch: How faculty can Support Transferring Students	Mary Ann Busby

After the last session (Session 3), faculty are expected to be with students, working to prep for classes, or meeting with colleagues/admin. Please work with others in your departments/areas to either attend together for collaboration or attend separately for office coverage.

Dr. Temple Grandin



Dr. Temple Grandin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Temple's achievements are remarkable because she was an autistic child. At age two she had no speech and all the signs of severe autism. Fortunately, her mother defied the advice of the doctors and kept her out of an institution. Many hours of speech therapy and intensive teaching enabled Temple to learn speech. As a teenager, life was hard with constant teasing. Mentoring by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her ranch in Arizona motivated Temple to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer.

She obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College and her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University. Dr. Grandin received her Ph.D in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989. Today she teaches courses on livestock behavior and facility design at Colorado State University and consults with the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling, and animal welfare. She has appeared on television shows such as *20/20*, *48 Hours*, *CNN Larry King Live*, *PrimeTime Live*, *60 Minutes*, the *Today Show*, and many shows in other countries. She has been featured in *People Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Time Magazine*, the *New York Times* book review, and *Discover* magazine. In 2010, *Time Magazine* named her one of the 100 most influential people. Interviews with Dr. Grandin have been broadcast on National Public Radio and she has a 2010 TED Lecture titled "The World Needs ALL Kinds of Minds." She has also authored over 400 articles in both scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare, and facility design. She is the author of "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions," as well as "Thinking in Pictures", "Livestock Handling and Transport," "Genetics and the Behavior of Domestic Animals," "Guide to Working with Farm Animals," and "Humane Livestock Handling." Her books "Animals in Translation" and "Animals Make Us Human" were both on the *New York Times* best seller list. "Animals Make Us Human" was also on the Canadian best seller list. Her book, "Calling All Minds," was a *New York Times* best seller for middle school students. Her life story has also been made into an HBO movie titled "Temple Grandin, starring Claire Danes," which won seven Emmy awards and a Golden Globe. The movie shows her life as a teenager and how she started her career. In 2017, she was inducted into The Women's Hall of Fame and in 2018 made a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.