



44th Annual

ACCOUNTING CONFERENCE

May 6 - May 8, 2026 • UCF Main Campus • College of Business Administration

The tentative schedule below will be updated as we gain more information.

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

7:30-8:10 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:10-9:50 a.m.	<u>Collaboration 1 – BA1, Room 107</u> Special Topics in Trusts & Estates TB,CLE,CE Merrell Bailey, Managing Partner <i>Your Caring Law Firm</i>	<u>Collaboration 2 – BA1, Room 239</u> Generative AI and Intelligent Agents: Rethinking Judgment, Review, and Productivity in Accounting and Finance TB,CLE Charles King, Partner and US AI for Internal Audit Solution Leader <i>KPMG</i>
9:50-10 a.m.	Refreshment Break & Vendor Visiting	
10-11:40 a.m.	Federal Tax Update TB,CLE,CE Blake Powell, Senior Manager Stephanie Gardner, Senior Manager <i>RSM</i>	Practical Hybrid AI for Accounting Professionals: Maximizing Processes and Growth while Improving Employee Welfare A&A,CLE Rich Lanza, Managing Director Steve Valance, Director <i>Grant Thornton, LLP</i>
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunch Break & Vendor Visiting	
1-2:40 p.m.	Ethics Part I E Paul Brown, Vice President of Professional & Technical Standards <i>FICPA</i>	Donor Advised Funds and Beyond: Strategies and Tools for Engaging Clients in Impactful Charitable Giving. TB,CLE,CE Steven J. Jerina, MPA, CAP®, Vice President of Philanthropic Strategies and Partnerships <i>Central Florida Foundation</i>
2:40-2:50 p.m.	Refreshment Break & Vendor Visiting	
2:50-4:30 p.m.	Ethics Part II E Paul Brown, Vice President of Professional & Technical Standards <i>FICPA</i>	Power Query for Data Transformation & Reporting Automation TB,CLE,CE Rafael Irastorza, Director <i>Entertainment Technology Partners</i>
4:30-5:30 p.m.	<u>Lupfer Atrium</u> Welcome Reception – Beer & Wine Happy Hour Presented by Rehmann	



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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

7:30-8:10 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:10-9:50 a.m.	<u>Collaboration 1 – BA1, Room 107</u> Panel: Contemporary Business Risks TB,CLE,CE <i>Moderator: Jeff Tecau, Managing Director, Protiviti</i> <i>David Taylor, Managing Director, Protiviti</i> <i>Russell Goldberg, Partner, Withum</i> <i>Sean Dennis, Associate Professor, UCF</i> <i>Aaron Jacobson, Corporate Controller, Wharton-Smith</i>	<u>Collaboration 2 – BA1, Room 239</u> AICPA/ASB/FASB A&A Update A&A Godswill Mhlanga, Associate Principal <i>Withum</i>
9:50-10 a.m.	Refreshment Break & Vendor Visiting	
10:00-11:40 a.m.	AI and the Future of Professional Services TB Jim Bourke, Partner and Managing Director of Advisory Services Practice <i>Withum</i>	Auditing IT Systems – The Auditor vs. Auditee Perspective in a Technology-Driven World A&A David Knowlton, Partner Cheri Swain, Partner <i>CRI</i>
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1-2:40 p.m.	State of the Profession & Legislative Update TB,CLE Shelly Weir, President & CEO Jason Harrell, Chief External Affairs Officer <i>FICPA</i>	Economic Update TB,CLE,CE Sean Snaith, Director of Institute for Economic Forecasting <i>University of Central Florida</i>
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Earn Up to 24 Hours of CPE

10 A&A Hours**

24 TB Hours**

4 Ethics Hours***

Plus, Earn Up to:

24 CLE Hours (Florida Bar)

18 CE Hours (CFP® Board)

Key:

A&A Accounting & Auditing

TB Technical Business

E Ethics

CLE Accredited by the Florida Bar for CLE

CE Accredited by the CFP® Board for CE

**Depends on the sessions attended

***All 4 hours of Ethics must be taken in order to receive credit for Florida Ethics requirement

****CE Accreditation application under review by CFP® Board



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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

7:30-8:10 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:10-9:50 a.m.	<u>Collaboration 1 – BA1, Room 107</u> Mr. Excel What's New in Excel**** TB,CLE "Mr. Excel" (Bill Jelen)	<u>Collaboration 2 – BA1, Room 239</u> Estate Planning TB,CLE,CE Jeffrey Phillips, Partner and Chief Investment Officer Mark Meyers, Principal Bill Lazar, Advisor <i>Rehmann</i>
9:50-10 a.m.	Refreshment Break & Vendor Visiting	
10-11:40 a.m.	Mr. Excel What's New in Excel**** TB,CLE "Mr. Excel" (Bill Jelen)	GASB & Yellow Book Update A&A Joel Knopp, Partner <i>Forvis-Mazars</i>
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunch Break & Vendor Visiting	
1-2:40 p.m.	Special Topics in Taxation: SALT and International Tax TB,CLE,CE Gregory Aughenbaugh, Managing Director Todd Grates, Senior Manager Shirish Rajurkar, Senior Manager Andrew Swire, Managing Director <i>KPMG</i>	SEC Update A&A Jeremiah Saunders, Partner <i>BDO</i>
2:40-2:50 p.m.	Refreshment Break & Vendor Visiting	
2:50-4:30 p.m.	Space Investing Master Class TB,CLE,CE Greg Autry, Associate Provost for Space Commercialization & Strategy ("Space Czar") <i>University of Central Florida</i>	



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