

Next Gen FAQ

How should I dress?

Business casual dress is recommended. Be comfortable but also professional.

Do I have to stay for the full convention?

No

Do I have to stay in the convention hotel?

No. There are plenty of other hotels that are close to our site. We've posted some helpful links on the FB group "ACPA's Next Generation Conference, Boston 2010" to get you started.

What should I bring with me?

Bring something to write with and write on.

Bring a backpack or large shoulder bag to carry the many handouts, books and/or resources you may collect.

Business cards (if you have them) for our networking session.

A snack or water to sip on

An inquiring spirit and a lot of enthusiasm!

Do I need to do anything ahead of time?

Yes! Please see the items below:

1. You'll be receiving 2 short articles to read. They're both pretty quick and will provide you with a good foundation for the Conference. Please have them read by the time we get started on Saturday.
2. You'll also have the unique opportunity to spend time with our featured speaker, John Quinones. This is an opportunity unique to Next Generation attendees. We've included his bio below and encourage you to be familiar with his work. Come up with a few questions you might like to ask of him during your time with him.
3. Finally, join the Facebook group! We'll be doing some networking through it and don't want you to miss out!

When can I check-in for the Next Gen Conference?

From 11 am – 12:30 pm on Saturday, March 20.

Where should I go to check in for the Conference?

Sheraton Boston Hotel, Independence East Foyer

39 Dalton Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02199

What meals are included?

Snack on Saturday
Dinner on Saturday
Lunch on Sunday
Snack on Sunday

I'm a vegetarian, will there be food for me?

Yes

Are the other meals “on your own?”

Yes. There'll be some options right there that may be easy for you to take advantage of to get quick food on your own. But, be aware that sometimes lines can be long as everyone had your same bright idea. Allow yourself enough time!

Can I bring something to snack on?

Yes. Granola bars and other easily portable things are great to grab a bit in between sessions. It also helps keep your cost down. Things at conferences can get a little pricey. A breakfast bar or a little bag of trail mix can be a lifesaver.

How do I find a roommate?

Check out our group on Facebook. Just post something there OR answer a post that's already up! Sharing rooms = sharing expenses and that's never a bad thing!

Where can I get an updated schedule?

Right here.

Don't forget! You'll have time with our featured speaker so prepare some questions to ask of him.

JOHN QUINONES



John Quinones is the Emmy award-winning co-anchor of ABC newsmagazine “Primetime” and has been with ABC for nearly 25 years. He is the sole anchor of the “Primetime” limited series “What would you do?” one of the highest-rated newsmagazine franchises of recent years. During his tenure he has reported extensively for ABC News, predominantly serving as a correspondent for “Primetime” and “20/20.” He is author of a 2009 book, *Heroes Among Us* that describes the courage and dignity it takes to stand up for oneself and those around us and by doing so demonstrates that each of us has the capacity to be a hero. Included in his book is his own story of heroes from his childhood in humble roots in San Antonio, Texas where he eagerly pursued his education. He received his Bachelor’s degree from St. Mary’s University and an M.S. from Columbia School of Journalism. John will speak about the role of education as a vehicle for stimulating educational leaders for change leading to revolutionary results.

2010 Next Generation Schedule

The Next Generation Conference begins at noon on Saturday and concludes early Sunday evening, just in time for the Convention's opening event. Sessions and highlights of this year's conference include:

Saturday, March 20 (12-7 pm)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm **Check-in/Registration**

12:30-12:40 pm **Welcome**

12:40 - 1:00 pm **Overview of Next Gen Conference**

1:00 -1:45 pm **Getting Started**

1:45 - 2:00 pm **ACPA–What's It All About?**

2:00 - 3:00 pm **Keynote: What Is This Field Called Student Affairs?**

3:00 - 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 - 4:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

A) “What Am I Getting Into?” Self-assessment based on ACPA's competencies

B) “Is The Student Affairs Field A Fit For Me?”

4:00-4:50 pm **Networking Skills / Developing Mentoring Relationships**

5:00-6:30 pm **Awards Banquet** (Scholarship recipients should meet their sponsors at 4:50)

6:45-7:30 pm **Travel to Boston University for dinner**

7:30-9:30 pm **Dinner & Small Group Work**

Things I've Always Wanted to Know (Questions for panel discussion)

Sunday, March 21 (8:30 am - 5 pm)

[Breakfast on your own]

8:00-8:30 am **Making the most out of the ACPA Annual Convention** (only for those staying through the entire ACPA Annual Convention)

8:30-9:15 am **Overview of Day/MCPA Welcome**

9:15-10:15 am **Looking to the Future**

10:15-11:00 am **Breakout Sessions**

- A) Assuming New Roles: supervising, advising, mentoring, and leading
- B) Making the Most Out of College Experiences

11:00 am-12:00 pm **Small Group Discussions** (10-12 groups; discussing pre-reading)

12:00-1:15 pm **Lunch with Student Affairs Panel**

1:15-2:15 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- A) Making the most out of Graduate School (faculty panel)
- B) Deciding on Student Affairs (student panel)

2:15-3:15 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- A) Transitioning to Graduate School (student panel)
- B) Grad School 101– researching, selecting, applying, and deciding (faculty panel)

3:15-4:00 pm **Tours**

- A) Career Central at Convention Tour
- B) Graduate School Fair

4:00-4:15 pm **Break**

4:15-5:15 pm **Conversation with John Quiñones** (Opening Speaker)

5:15-5:45 pm **Wrap-up & Evaluation**

6:00-10:00 pm **ACPA Annual Convention Opening Session & Reception**

