

NATIONAL GROCERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2026



May 31 - June 4, 2026 • Ithaca, NY

Sponsored by PEPSICO

SUNDAY • 5/31	MONDAY • 6/1	TUESDAY • 6/2	WEDNESDAY • 6/3	THURSDAY • 6/4
HOTEL INFORMATION: The Statler Hotel 130 Statler Drive Ithaca, NY 14853 CLASSROOM LOCATION: Statler Amphitheater Statler Hotel 1st Floor	6:00 - 7:00 AM Optional Campus Walking Tour Meet in Statler Hotel Lobby	6:30 - 7:30 AM Optional Hike around Beebe Lake Meet in Statler Hotel Lobby	6:30 - 7:30 AM Optional Trail Run in the Botanic Gardens Meet in Statler Hotel Lobby	6:30 - 7:30 AM Optional Cascadilla Gorge Hike Meet in Statler Hotel Lobby
	7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast in Conference Foyer	7:00 - 8:15 AM Breakfast in Taylor A&B	7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast in Conference Foyer	7:00 - 8:30 AM Breakfast in Conference Foyer
	8:00 - 8:30 AM Welcome & Connection <i>Professor Dan Hooker & Miguel Gomez</i>	8:15 PM - Bus departs to Mt. Pleasant 8:30 - 10:15 AM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	8:00 - 10:15 AM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	8:30 - 10:00 AM Personal Development Plans <i>Mike Hostetler</i>
	8:30 - 10:15 AM Critical Thinking Advantage <i>Professor Risa Mish</i>			10:00 - 11:00 AM Break & Hotel Checkout
	10:15 - 10:30 AM Break	10:15 - 10:30 AM Break	10:15 - 10:30 AM Break	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Storytelling for Leaders <i>Professor Andrew Quagliata</i>
	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Motivating Optimal Performance <i>Professor Risa Mish</i>	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	12:30 - 1:00 PM Wrap-Up & Graduation <i>Professor Dan Hooker & Miguel Gomez</i>
	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch in Taylor A&B	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch at Ropes Course	12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch in Taylor A&B	1:00 PM To-Go Lunch Vouchers
	1:00 - 2:30 PM Leadership Challenges in a Dynamic Environment <i>Mike Hostetler</i>	1:00 - 3:00 PM Hoffman Challenge Course <i>Cornell Team & Leadership</i>	1:00 - 2:00 PM Management Team Leadership SIM <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: Dan Hooker VICE PRESIDENT, NGA FOUNDATION: Chelsea Matzen PROGRAM MANAGER: Cheryl Cox cac363@cornell.edu
	2:30-2:45 PM Break	3:00 - 3:30 PM Return to Statler	2:00 - 2:15 PM Break	
	2:45 - 4:15 PM Leadership Presence <i>Professor David Feldshuh</i>	3:30 - 5:30 PM Free Time	2:15 - 4:30 PM Negotiation <i>Professor Steve Sauer</i>	
	4:30 - 5:30 PM Leadership Panel <i>Michelle Mendoza, Ten McFarlane-Smart, Tamara Oshea</i>	5:30 - 6:30 PM Optional Happy Hour: Liquid State Brewing 620 West Green Street	Free Time 5:45 PM Load bus for dinner	
4:00 PM Statler Hotel Check-In				
6:00 - 8:30 PM Orientation and Dinner - in Taylor A&B on the 2nd floor of the Statler	6:30 - 8:30 PM Reception and Dinner Baker Portico	Free evening / dinner on your own	6:00 - 8:30 PM Instacart Sponsored Dinner at Ithaca Beer Company	