



# NCA Competitive Events 2025 Update September 11, 2024

This update provides a snapshot of exciting changes to the National Career Development Conference (NCDC) competitive events. While this document highlights key updates, it is not exhaustive. For a comprehensive overview, please download the full Competitive Handbook from the NCDC website. Additionally, the Competitive Events Headquarters and Submission Site located at [jag.org/ncdc](http://jag.org/ncdc) serves as your one-stop shop for detailed information, resources, and guidance on participating in these events. Remember to check the website regularly, as important updates will be posted throughout the year.

## GENERAL UPDATES

- **On Stage Recognition:** We are excited to announce a new opportunity for individuals and teams to showcase their exceptional work to the entire conference. On Stage Recognition will provide a platform to highlight outstanding achievements and inspire others.
- **Submission Process Upgrade:** To streamline the submission process and enhance efficiency, we have upgraded our system to utilize Headrush software. This new platform will offer a more user-friendly experience for all submitters.
- **Registration and Submission Deadline:** Please note the registration and submission deadline remains March 15th for the National Career Development Conference and all future years.

## New Events for 2026!

We are thrilled to introduce two new events to the 2026 Career Development Conference:

- **Financial Budget Presentation:** This event will provide participants with an opportunity to demonstrate their financial literacy and budgeting skills.
- **JAG Promo Video:** Participants will have the chance to showcase their creativity and storytelling abilities by creating engaging promotional videos for JAG

The Guidelines for these events may be updated again closer to the conference date.

## SPECIFIC EVENT UPDATES

- **L.O.V.E. Project:** This event has undergone a significant transformation. JAG participants will now have the opportunity to create and share projects that address inequalities in their communities. This creative outlet will empower them to make a positive impact.
- **Outstanding Chapter:** To recognize the integration of digital technology and broader reach, the Outstanding Chapter event has been renamed Digital Outstanding Chapter. This update will highlight the innovative ways our chapters utilize digital tools to share their impactful work.
- **Business Plan:** We have expanded the eligibility for the Business Plan event to allow 1-4 participants. This modification will provide more opportunities for entrepreneurs and business-minded individuals to showcase their unique ideas and projects.