



AFGHAN-AMERICAN
C O N F E R E N C E

2018 AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 — SUNDAY, MARCH 25

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



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FRIDAY

MARCH 23, 2018

12:00PM REGISTRATION

2:00PM OPENING PLENARY SESSIONS

- ❖ Introduction & Norms

3:00PM COHORT MEETING

4:10PM BREAKOUT BLOCK I: PROFESSIONAL
NETWORKING

- ❖ Part 1: Panel
- ❖ Part 2: Mixer

5:45PM BREAKOUT BLOCK II: SKILL-BUILDING

WORKSHOPS

- ❖ *Investing 101; Career Readiness; Project Management; Branding; Women in the Workplace; Transitioning a New Field; Starting a Restaurant; Overcoming Your Fears*

6:45PM DINNER

8:00PM EVENING PLENARY SESSION

- ❖ Keynote Address & S.E.E.D. Talks

9:45PM FRIDAY END



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SATURDAY

MARCH 24, 2018

8:00AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00AM MORNING PLENARY SESSION

❖ Keynote Address & S.E.E.D. Talks

10:35AM COHORT MEETING

11:15AM Group Photo

11:40AM LUNCH

12:35PM BREAKOUT BLOCK III: CULTURAL

❖ *Afghan History; Spirituality; Poetry; Attan; Host Your Dost; Healthy Afghan Eating; History & Art of Afghan Music*

2:05PM BREAKOUT BLOCK IV: COMMUNITY

❖ *Gender Dynamics; Mental Health; Social Justice & Identity; Relationships: Dating & Marriage; Responsibility to Afghanistan; Community Integration; Struggling with Faith; Civic Engagement; Pressures of Marriage & Family Planning*



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3:40PM BREAKOUT BLOCK V

- ❖ *Gender Dynamics; Mental Health; Social Justice & Identity; Relationships: Dating & Marriage; Responsibility to Afghanistan; Male Gender Roles; Marrying Non-Afghan; Caring for our Elderly; Taboos Around Divorce; Faith Based Activism*

5:10PM COHORT DINNER

6:20PM BREAK

BREAKOUT BLOCKS

During Breakout Blocks, participants will choose a session based on various sessions happening concurrently.

7:30PM BANQUET

- ❖ *Malwand*
- ❖ *Laila*
- ❖ *Salar*
- ❖ *Omeed*

10:00PM SATURDAY END



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SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

9:00AM	BREAKFAST	1:05PM	LUNCH
9:30AM	MORNING PLENARY SESSION	2:05PM	COHORT FAREWELL
	❖ S.E.E.D. Talk	3:10PM	BREAKOUT BLOCK VIII: GENDER CAUCUSES*
10:10AM	BREAKOUT BLOCK VI: ACTION SESSION		❖ <i>Male Caucus; Female Caucus</i>
11:35AM	BREAKOUT BLOCK VII: BRAVE SPACES	4:55PM	CLOSING PLENARY
	❖ <i>Ethnic & Religious Minorities; Battling Addiction; Multiethnic Afghans;; MeToo: Sexual Violence in the Afghan Community; Making space for Atheist/Agnostic Afghans; AfgAms Making Space for LGBTQ; Coping with Loss & Trauma</i>	5:30PM	CONFERENCE END

**BRAVE SPACES house difficult conversations impacting our community. These spaces allow those who are not necessarily affected by any of these issues to listen, be uncomfortable, and challenge themselves.*



**GENDER CAUCUSES will be a designated "safe space" for each respective group. For example, only those who identify as Female will be permitted to participate in the Female Gender Caucus. Our goal is to have discussions in each caucus remain within that space to encourage open, honest dialogue without fear of judgment.*