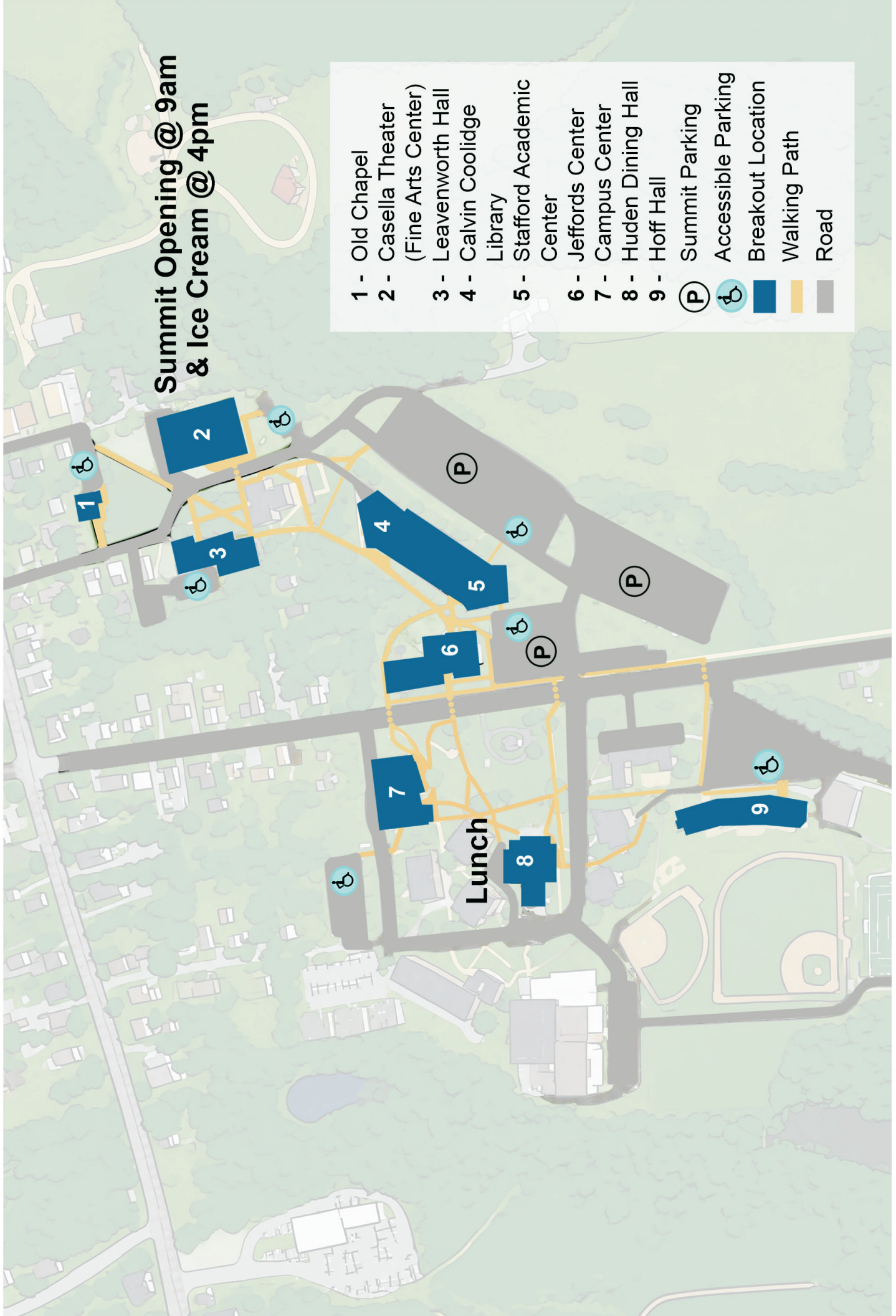




2026 VERMONT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Stories. Skills. Action

Breakouts-at-a-Glance & Campus Map



October 6, 2026
Vermont State University
Castleton, Vermont

Breakout Sessions & Locations



◀ For links to the program, speaker bios, participant list, and more vtrural.org/summit

Key. **W**orkshop **H**ybrid
 Panel **L**ivestream
 Networking

BIPOC Affinity Space: Leavenworth 203
Hosted by the Vermont Professionals of Color Network (VTPoC). Open to Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color all day, including lunch.

Quiet Room: Leavenworth 208
A quiet space for time away from noise, lights, and other stimuli.

Meditation Room: Campus Center
A calming, quiet space for 1 or 2 people at a time.

Lactation Room: Stafford Academic Center

	Casella Theater	Old Chapel Great Hall	Leavenworth 104	Leavenworth 202	Leavenworth 204/205	Library Media Viewing Room	Stafford Auditorium	Jeffords 101	Jeffords Auditorium	Campus Center 1787	Hoff Hall 105
10:45-12:00	W1 Storytelling: Bridge Divides and Build Trust		W3 Wild Belonging	W4 Mental Health Literacy for Communities	W2 Best Practices for Meeting and Event Facilitation	P2(L) School Building Transformations	P5 AI for Rural Leaders	P4 Boosting Local Democracy Without Picking Sides	P1 Community Housing: Borrowing Brilliance	P3(H) Safe Streets, Accessible Recreation, and Inclusive Mobility	
noon	LUNCH offered in Huden Dining Hall. See map for locations in relation to breakout sessions.										
1:15-2:30	P6 Small Town Economies: Models for Businesses and Beyond		W8 Youth and Adults Leading Together	W11 EVERYDAY – Big and Small: A Conversation with the Filmmaker	P7 Reinventing Social Connection	W7(L) Planning Accessible Public Engagements	W10 Capital Projects 101: Vision to Planning to Implementation	W5 Facilitating in Demanding Moments	W9 Leadership as a Creative Practice	P8(H) How Farmers and Foresters are Building Community	W6 Funding Your Project – Institutional and Individual Giving
2:45-4:00	W15 Engagement by Design: Crafting Processes that Work	N1 Community Project Help Desk with Resource Providers			P9 Building Community Climate Resilience	W12(L) Fundraising Conversations: Building Relationships That Lead to Giving	W13 From Crisis to Opportunity: Rethinking the Big Issues	P11 Outdoor Recreation Economies	P12 Steady Leadership in a Changing World	P10(H) Community Gathering Spaces	W14 Finding “Both/And” Solutions to Your Community’s Hard Questions
4pm	Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Social in the Fine Arts Center Lobby! Includes gluten free & dairy free options!										

