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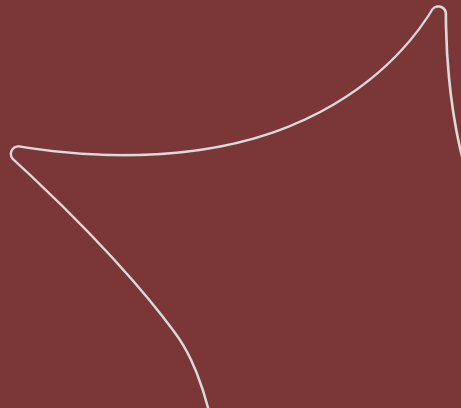


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MONTHLY MENTIONS



- March 3 is Holi, the Indian “Festival of Colors” that marks spring and renewal.
- March 8 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don’t forget to “spring forward” and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!
- March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick’s Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.
- March 20 brings about the March equinox—also called the vernal or spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, this date marks the autumnal equinox and the beginning of fall. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth’s equator.

The Full Worm Moon

March’s Full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of Tuesday, March 3, 2026. There is going to be a full lunar eclipse, also known as a Blood Moon.

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One thing I've learned over the past year, since purchasing Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, is that none of us do this work alone. That's exactly why these associations matters.

It's easy to think of meetings and CE hours first, but what we really have is a group of professionals who care deeply about serving families well and protecting the future of funeral service. Leadership is not about having all the answers. It's about being willing to ask questions and figure it out, together.

How can we serve families more intentionally?
How can we educate our communities before they ever walk through our doors?
How can we honor tradition while still moving our profession forward?

Through this association, we advocate for funeral service, support one another, and challenge each other to grow. When we share ideas, have honest conversations, and show up for one another, we strengthen not just our own firms, but the profession as a whole.

I'm truly thankful to serve alongside people who care about doing things the right way, who are open to growth, and who aren't afraid to embrace thoughtful change. Together, we have the opportunity to shape the future of funeral service; responsibly, respectfully, and always with families at the center.

Katlyn L. (Taylor) Tauetia
ACFDA Trustee

MEET THE BOARD

2026 Federated Member



My name is Katlyn L. Tauheetia, and I am the proud owner and funeral director at Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services in Cecil, PA. I am a second-generation funeral professional, and am serving as President of the Southwestern Funeral Directors Association of Pennsylvania. I am currently participating in the National Emerging Leaders Program through the NFDA. I am committed to compassionate service, professional leadership, community involvement and continuing education. In my free time, I enjoy working out, reading and spending time with my husband and two dogs.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Date: March 18th , 2026

Location: : *CORE Center for Organ Recovery & Education
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Pittsburgh, PA 15238*

Course: “Donations and the Funeral Directors”

Course Start Time: 4:30 pm

Presenter: TJ Roser

Credit Hours: 1

Immediately following the course all participants will have an opportunity to tour the facility.

Light refreshments and an open bar will be available beginning at 4:00pm.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has approved each program for 1 PACE credit. The entire meeting must be attended to receive your certificate for this CEU. ACFDA members are free. Non-members will be charged \$100.00.

Please register with Ashley at acfda2020@gmail.com or call 412-678-3434.

PIMS TO HOST JOB FAIR EVENT – MARCH 13

PITTSBURGH INSTITUTE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE (PIMS) WILL HOST AN JOB FAIR EVENT ON **Friday, March 13**, AT THE PIMS CAMPUS. THE EVENT IS DESIGNED TO CONNECT FUNERAL SERVICE FIRMS WITH SOON-TO-GRADUATE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE INVITED TO DELIVER A BRIEF 3–5 MINUTE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING LOCATION, CALL VOLUME, CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, ETC. THE FORMAT ALLOWS EMPLOYERS TO INTRODUCE THEIR FIRM TO PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES IN A FOCUSED AND PROFESSIONAL SETTING.

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PRESENTATION TIMES WILL BE ASSIGNED ONCE ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE CONFIRMED.

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JANUARY 7, 2026

What Is a Death Doula? Holding Space for Life's Final Chapter

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MARCH 11, 2026

Holistic Grief Experiences: An Integration of Mind, Body, and Spirit
GRIEF TALKS CONFERENCE

Save the date for our virtual Grief Talks Conference! A full day of learning where we will explore the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit in navigating loss.

APRIL 1, 2026

Beyond the Behavior: Relationship-Based Behavior Management for Grieving Children
MELISSA REAGAN, MSW, LSW, CT
KRISTEN HUBER, MS, LPC, FT

Do you run peer support groups for grieving children? Join us to learn more about building meaningful relationships and creating emotionally safe environments.

MAY 6, 2026

When Grief Takes a Toll: Supporting Those Who Support Others

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This webinar will explore the concept of how personal experiences and past struggles can be transformed into powerful tools for empathy and professional growth.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Helping Children Navigate Grief: When Community Tragedies Make the World Feel Unsafe

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Discover practical strategies for supporting children as they navigate grief, particularly when community tragedies disrupt their sense of safety and security.

OCTOBER 7, 2026

How to Work with Grief & Loss, from the Inside Out
GINA GOTH, M.ED., CAC, LPC

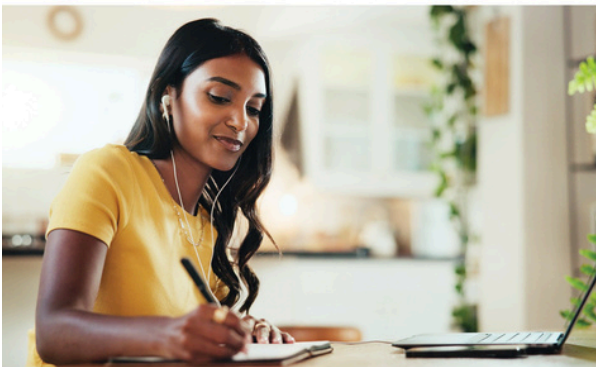
This workshop offers attendees a supportive space to explore and process the grief they personally carry, providing essential knowledge, practical tools, and reflective opportunities to better understand grief and loss.

NOVEMBER 19, 2026

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