

**Workforce Development Institute 2024: Bridges  
Draft Schedule**

Tuesday, January 23		
Time	Title	Location
7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	Registration Counter
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Set Up</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  Sponsored by Snap-on	<p><b>Preconference Session: Initiating a Workforce Leader in 2024</b></p> <p>New to workforce development and/or want to sharpen your skills? Join this session to learn with AACC about critical issues and relevant resources. Speakers will include representatives from some of the most influential national, regional, industry-specific, and demographically relevant organizations nationally. Anticipate coming away with direct contacts as well as partnership opportunities.</p> <p>This session will have three additional online meetings from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Eastern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 8, 2024</li> <li>• August 7, 2024</li> <li>• November 13, 2024</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: William Gary, WDI Consultant, OH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bryan Albrecht, President Emeritus, Gateway Technical College, WI</li> <li>• Dr. Sunita V. Cooke, Superintendent/President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, NJ</li> <li>• Linda Head, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Lone Star College, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Scott Lucas, President, National Association Advanced Technology Centers, WSU Tech, KS</li> <li>• Julie Parks, Dean and Executive Director Workforce Training, Grand Rapids Community College, MI</li> <li>• Dr. Ian Roark, Vice Chancellor Workforce Development &amp; Innovation, Pima Community College, AZ</li> </ul>	Bayside A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lousie Slezak, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Community College of Baltimore County, MD</li> <li>• Dr. Ty Stone, Interim CFO and Vice President for Campus Services, Howard Community College, MD</li> <li>• Sheneui Weber, Interim Associate Superintendent of Workforce Innovations and Entrepreneurial Development, Chaffey College, CA</li> <li>• Frank Woodbeck, Executive Director of Grants and Special Projects, College of Southern Nevada, NV</li> </ul>	
<p>10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Ferrilli</p>	<p><b>Preconference Session: Rural Economic Development and Workforce Planning</b></p> <p>Join this session to learn essential partnership strategies that are most useful in rural and remote settings. Best practices from colleges that operated and thrived in smaller markets will be showcased. Successful practices for data use, particularly for fundraising and program implementation when your communities are small, geographically remote, or bound by single-industry economies will be highlighted. Anticipate receiving publications, practical contact lists, and one-on-one time with AACC leadership.</p> <p>Sponsor: Marcia Daniel, Chief Client Officer, Ferrilli, NC</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Putnam, WDI Consultant, AR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Carmen M. Simone, Campus Dean and CEO, Dakota College at Bottineau, ND</li> <li>• Dr. Sunita V. Cooke, Superintendent/President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Molly Dodge, Senior Vice President, Ivy Tech Community College, IN</li> <li>• Dr. Torie Jackson, President, Parkersburg West Virginia University, WV</li> <li>• Jacki Ponti-Lazaruk, Rural Development Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, DC</li> <li>• Dr. John Rainone, President, Mountain Gateway Community College, VA</li> <li>• Heather Ruttkofsky, Dean of Health Sciences, Career &amp; Technical Trades, Program Director Vascular Technology, Jackson College, MI</li> <li>• Dr. Carli Schiffner, President, Grays Harbor College, WA</li> </ul>	<p>Bayside C</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Chuck Terrell, President/CEO Advancement &amp; Innovative Strategies, LLC, VA</li> </ul>	
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Preconference Session: The Entrepreneurial Mindset of a Workforce Professional</b></p> <p>Join this session to learn how to partner and think out-of-the box about design and implementation related to small business supports for the student and community, as well as leaders within the college itself.</p> <p>Moderator: Rebecca A. Corbin, Ed.D., President &amp; CEO, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Michael Baston, President, Cuyahoga Community College, OH</li> <li>• Dr. Sunita V. Cooke, Superintendent/President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Dr. Erik Coyne, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Bloomington, IN</li> <li>• Dr. Jermaine Ford, President, Florence-Darlington Technical College, SC</li> <li>• Lynne McAuliffe, Dean, Business, Technical, Health and Safety, Central Wyoming College, WY</li> <li>• Michael Voss, Dean of Instruction for Applied Sciences &amp; Technology, Mesa Community College, AZ</li> </ul>	Bayside B
12:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers Board Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Grand Couteau
12:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>EPIIC – GRIP Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Edgewood A/B
3:00-3:45 p.m.  Sponsored by zSpace	<p><b>New to WDI Attendees Forum</b></p> <p>New to WDI is a 45-minute in-person event for first-time WDI attendees. Sponsorship of the New to WDI meetup will allow the sponsor to present a welcome message together with the AACC workforce and economic development team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Carbenia, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, CA</li> <li>• Dr. Sunita Cooke, Superintendent and President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Dr. Michael Torrence, President, Motlow State Community College, TN</li> </ul>	Southdown

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4:30-6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary – Infrastructure and American Talent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, President and CEO, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Monty Sullivan, President, Louisiana Community and Technical college System, LA</li> <li>• Jen Worth, Senior Vice President, Academic &amp; Workforce Development, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Neera Tanden, White House Domestic Policy Advisor, DC (invited)</li> <li>• Amanda Ballantyne, Director, AFL-CIO Technology Institute and AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, DC</li> <li>• Dr. David Harrison, President, Columbus State Community College, OH</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom ABC
4:00-4:30 p.m.  Sponsored by NC3	<b>EC3 Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Crescent
6:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
6:00-8:00 p.m.  Sponsored by Transfr	<b>Networking Reception for All Attendees</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
7:00-7:30 p.m.	<b>Society for Human Resource Management Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Edgewood

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**Wednesday, January 24**

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7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	Registration Counter
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
7:00-8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>SkillsUSA Board Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Grand Couteau
8:00-9:00 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary – Signal Spotting and the Future of Apprenticeship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sunita Cooke, Superintendent and President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Ricky Baeza, Staff Program Manager, Recruiting &amp; Workforce Development, Tesla, CA</li> <li>• Pam Eddinger, President, Bunker Hill Community College, MA</li> <li>• John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, DC</li> <li>• Adrienne Summers, Executive Director of Apprenticeships, AACC, DC</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom ABC
8:00-9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Appalachian Regional Commission with Community Colleges of Appalachia Members Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Kevin Boys, Executive Director, Community Colleges of Appalachia, OH</li> </ul>	Southdown
9:05-9:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
9:35-10:50 a.m.	<p><b>Innovations in Allied Health</b></p> <p>Sponsored by enGen</p> <p>Allied health careers continue to provide stackable and latticed credentials that lead to families sustaining wage jobs. Join this session to explore innovation in these critical programs as well as partners for success in 2024 and beyond.</p>	Bayside BC

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	<p>Moderator: Tadd Wamester, Director of Partnership Development, enGen, NY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Teddy Farias, Dean, Health and Natural Sciences, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• Michele Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions, William Rainey Harper College, IL</li> <li>• Dr. Brandy Tyson, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic &amp; Workforce Development, Baton Rouge Community College, LA</li> </ul>	
<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Safal</p>	<p><b>It Takes a Village to Develop a Workforce</b></p> <p>Community colleges working in partnership with community-based organizations, chambers of commerce, workforce boards, and other partners are well positioned to meet the complex needs of students seeking to re-skill and upskill. This session will explore partnerships that are thriving in this work.</p> <p>Moderator: Katie Adams, Chief Delivery Officer, Safal Partners, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shana Marbury, Executive Vice President, Workforce, Community &amp; Economic Development, Cuyahoga Community College, OH</li> <li>• Georgia Reagan, Strategy Officer, Employment Aligned Credential Programs, Lumina Foundation, IN</li> <li>• Amy Shields, Executive Director, ACCE Foundation and Vice President, Programs, Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, VA</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by zSpace</p>	<p><b>Blended and Braided Investments</b></p> <p>This session will highlight colleges that effectively leverage multiple funding streams for student success and sustainability of critical programs.</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Carbenia, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, zSpace, CA</p>	<p>Nottaway</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mike Rodgers, Chief Institutional Officer, Owensboro Community and Technical College, KY</li> <li>• Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, President, Community College of Baltimore County, MD</li> <li>• John Morgan, Associate Vice President, Career and Technical Education, Yavapai College, AZ</li> <li>• Dr. Annette Parker, President, South Central College, MN</li> </ul>	
<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Telecommunications Industry Association</p>	<p><b>Mission Critical: Training and Delivering Broadband Talent</b></p> <p>There is a massive shortage of trained Broadband technicians and professionals needed to bring broadband across America. Community colleges will learn about cutting-edge resources such as Broadband Nation which is designed to attract, train and deliver the next generation of broadband professionals. Attend to partner and achieve the mission of connecting all Americans, focusing on your local communities.</p> <p>Moderator: David Stehlin, Chief Executive Officer, Telecommunications Industry Association, VA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tiffany Howard, External Partnerships Officer, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA</li> <li>• Emily Sayers, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, KY</li> </ul>	Grand Chenier
<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Electric Vehicles Listening Session</b></p> <p>We're ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Adrienne Summers, Executive Director of Apprenticeships, AACC, DC</p>	Bayside A
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by</p>	<p><b>Youth and Pre-Apprenticeship Models of Success</b></p> <p>Determining where to focus a college's investments (staff time and employer partner discussions) in service</p>	Bayside BC

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<p>Jobspeaker</p>	<p>to growing registered apprenticeship programming is easier with a clearer understanding of the nuances between these groups. This session will unpack those key points with experts from the field.</p> <p>Moderator: Jarlath O’Carroll, CEO, Jobspeaker, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kirsten Pratt, Associate Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina, SC</li> <li>• Tatia Shelton, Workforce Manager, Apprenticeships, Metropolitan Community College, MO</li> <li>• Dr. Yifan Sun, Dean of Instruction and High School Operations, Bates Technical College, South Campus, WA</li> </ul>	
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>The Employer Case for Inclusion</b></p> <p>This session will highlight the employer perspective on the need for a comprehensive and diverse talent pool for the company’s success. Effective models to recruit, elevate, and best utilize all talent will be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kevin Christian, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amber Douglas, Specialist, Society for Human Resource Management Foundation, VA</li> <li>• Preethi Talwar, Director Strategic Projects, Workforce Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Chaffey College, CA</li> <li>• Yelena Vaynberg, Government and Regulatory Affairs Executive, Workforce and Skills Policy, IBM, MD</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by American Technical Publishers</p>	<p><b>Manufacturing 2030</b></p> <p>The Industrial Internet of Things, Industry 4.0 and 5.0 all reflect the fact that manufacturing is evolving at an unprecedented pace. This session will highlight some of the recent developments and the strategies colleges are using to respond.</p> <p>Moderator: Cathy Scruggs, Director of Product Development, American Technical Publishers, IL</p>	<p>Nottaway</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, President and CEO, Chippewa Valley Technical College, WI</li> <li>• Dr. Ann Beheler, Director of Innovation, Center for Occupational Research and Development, TX</li> <li>• Amanda Sizemore, Assistant Vice President for Corporate &amp; Community Development, St. Charles Community College, MO</li> </ul>	
10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	<p><b>Data Driven Workforce Development</b></p> <p>Labor market information, economic projections, sector strategies, even capital budgets for community colleges all depend on accurate and timely data. This session will explore data sources and reliability in order to conduct relevant and responsive workforce development.</p> <p>Moderator: Kent Phillippe, Vice President of Research and Student Success, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Leigh Goodson, President &amp; CEO, Tulsa Community College, OK</li> <li>• Dr. Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College, NM</li> <li>• Dr. Avis Proctor, President, William Rainey Harper College, IL</li> </ul>	Grand Chenier
10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.	<p><b>College Policies for Student and Faculty Use of Artificial Intelligence Listening Session</b></p> <p>We’re ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p>	Bayside A
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Microsoft and Appalachian Regional Commission Meeting (by invitation)</b></p>	Crescent
12:15-1:45 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary Lunch – Preparing and Deploying Talent and Tools</b></p>	Grand Ballroom ABC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Harrison, Director of Digital Readiness, Americas, Intel Corporation, CA</li> <li>• Dr. Hernan Londono, Chief Technology and Innovation Strategist, Dell Industries, FL</li> <li>• Katy Nelson, Project Manager, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Chancellor, Austin Community College, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Ava Parker, President, Palm Beach State College, FL</li> <li>• Rodney Peterson, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Walter Bumphus introduces</li> <li>• Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, DC</li> </ul>	
1:50-2:15 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
1:50-2:15 p.m.	<b>Lincoln Electric Meeting</b>	Edgewood AB
2:20-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>Serving Service Members and Their Families</b></p> <p>Service members and their families face a myriad of choices as they transition from their service into civilian life. While the Joint Services Transcript provides some direction in helping service members receive credit for skills and knowledge attainment, community colleges can do more to support this transition. This session will highlight promising practices from the field.</p> <p>Moderator: Wayne C. Wheeler, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Castaños, Director of Instruction, Workforce Programs, Victor Valley College, CA</li> <li>• Kyla Antony, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, Front Range Community College, CO</li> <li>• Dr. Jimmy Hodges, President, Calhoun Community College, AL</li> <li>• Jeffrey Rivera, Professor, Program Coordinator of Electrical Technology, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, KY</li> </ul>	Bayside BC

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<p>2:20-3:35 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Transfr</p>	<p><b>New Models in Rapid Skilling, Micro-credentialing, and Pathways to Employment</b></p> <p>Rapid skilling and micro-credentialing can move people into entry level jobs within as little as eight weeks, with a clear path to advancement and continued skills acquisition. This session will showcase successful rapid skilling programs.</p> <p>Moderator: Katie George, Director, National Partnerships &amp; Ecosystems, Transfr, TX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ian Roark, Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development &amp; Innovation, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ</li> <li>• Kenley Steck, Continuing Education and Micro Credential Coordinator, Economic Development, Snow College, UT</li> <li>• Jamie Wadowiec, Instructional Design Specialist, Savannah Technical College, GA</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>2:20-3:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Unapologetically Loud: Dignifying the Trades</b></p> <p>Elevating and supporting trade professionals, their remarkable salaries, and profoundly unique professional experiences, has been a signature investment of All Within My Hands and their partners. Join this session to learn about opportunities for your colleges to connect with companies in the entertainment industry and their mission-aligned allies.</p> <p>Moderator: Pete Delgrosso, Executive Director, All Within My Hands Foundation, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Richard Ammon, Interim Executive Director of Workforce Initiatives, College of Lake County, IL</li> <li>• Mark Reiter, Vice President of Manufacturing, Furnace Record Pressing, VA</li> <li>• Robin Shaw, Upstaging Inc., IL</li> </ul>	<p>Nottaway</p>
<p>2:20-3:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Faculty Shortages in High Tech Fields</b></p>	<p>Grand Chenier</p>

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<p>Sponsored by National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers</p>	<p>This session will showcase models of engaging, recruiting and retaining subject matter experts to augment existing faculty in service to ever-evolving high tech fields.</p> <p>Moderator: Craig McAtee, Executive Director and CEO, NCATC, OH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Josh Baker, President, Mountwest Community and Technical College, WV</li> <li>• Claire Korchinowski, Dean of Instruction, Aerospace, Technology, Manufacturing and Workforce, Clover Park, WA</li> <li>• Gail Norris, US Lead, SITRAIN Digital Industries Learning, Digital Industries Division, Siemens Industry, GA</li> <li>• Terri Burgess Sandu, Director, Talent and Business Innovation and Director, Ohio TechNet, Lorain County Community College, OH</li> </ul>	
<p>2:20-3:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Skills-Based Hiring Listening Session</b></p> <p>We're ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Adrienne Summers, Executive Director of Apprenticeships, AACC, DC</p>	<p>Bayside A</p>
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Critical Networks</b></p> <p>Join this session to connect with the national networks and their respective workforce leadership that will empower your local efforts to be more effective, visible, and industry relevant.</p> <p>Moderator: Wayne C. Wheeler, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brittany H. Brady, CEO, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity, TX</li> </ul>	<p>Bayside BC</p>

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<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Safal</p>	<p><b>Being Purposeful with Earn and Learn Models</b></p> <p>National workforce shortages have highlighted the need for employers to recruit and retain employees at a faster rate than some of the traditional AA degree programs produce. Their urgency blended with the college’s reality of what students truly know and can do to perform a craft is continuously being investigated. This session will identify promising models.</p> <p>Moderator: Katie Adams, Chief Delivery Officer, Safal Partners, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Head, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor External and Employer Relations, Lone Star College, TX</li> <li>• Melana Howe, Corporate Liaison - Apprenticeships, Lake Region State College, ND</li> <li>• Julianna Kirby, Director of Client Services, Chief Operating Officer, Training Funding Partners, CA</li> <li>• Minah Woo, Vice President of Workforce, Innovation &amp; Strategic Partnerships, Howard Community College, MD</li> </ul>	Oak Alley
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by CompTIA</p>	<p><b>Cybersecurity and Workforce Development</b></p> <p>High quality cybersecurity programs are thriving at colleges large and small. This session will provide strategies and innovations in cybersecurity programming from leading colleges who are offering cybersecurity instruction both as a standalone discipline and as a critical cross-cutting workforce skill.</p> <p>Moderator: Ron Culler, Vice President Cyber Development Programs, CompTIA, NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troy Amick, Program Director, Information Technology Pathway, Laramie County Community College, WY</li> </ul>	Nottaway

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown, President, Whatcom Community College, WA</li> <li>• Rodney Peterson, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce, DC</li> <li>• Laurie Seeder, Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University at Eunice, LA</li> </ul>	
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Lincoln Electric</p>	<p><b>Transportation: The New Frontier</b></p> <p>Electric vehicles continue to grow in popularity and demand, and the demand for a skilled workforce to support both the vehicles, an EV infrastructure, and battery production is growing. This session will address current work and new opportunities in the transportation field.</p> <p>Sponsor: Scott Strawn, Director of Global Applications and Education, Lincoln Electric, OH</p> <p>Moderator: Victoria Valore, Marketing Manager-Education, Solutions, Applications, Lincoln Electric, OH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Vicki P. Karolewics, President, Wallace State Community College, AL</li> <li>• Dr. Sheree Utash, President, WSU Tech, KS</li> <li>• Elisa Waldman, Vice President, Workforce Development &amp; Continuing Education   Adjunct Professor, Legal Studies, Johnson County Community College, KS</li> </ul>	Grand Chenier
<p>5:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Upstaging</p>	<p><b>All Within My Hands - Metallica Scholars Initiative Meeting (by invitation)</b></p>	Grand Couteau
<p>5:00-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Microsoft - Cyber Skills for All: Community Colleges Lead the Way Meeting (by invitation)</b></p>	Southdown

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Thursday, January 25

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7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	Registration Counter
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
7:00-8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
8:00-9:00 a.m.	<b>Plenary – Workforce Champions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betsy Conway, Director, Lowe’s Foundation, NC</li> <li>• Pete Delgrosso, Executive Director, All Within My Hands Foundation, CA</li> <li>• Nagma Meharali, Cybersecurity Skills Lead, Microsoft Philanthropies, TX</li> <li>• Georgia Reagan, Strategy Officer, Employment Aligned Credential Programs, Lumina Foundation, IN</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom ABC
9:00-9:30 a.m.	<b>AACC Board Members and Federal Partners Meeting</b>	Gallier AB
9:05-9:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
9:35-10:50 a.m.	<b>Prioritizing Workforce: The Executive’s Perspective</b>  Sponsored by ToolingU-SME  The degree to which a college prioritizes workforce programming is largely aligned with the executive’s vision and values, informed by local needs. This session will give voice to present and past executives with this mindset.  Sponsor: Gretchen N. Schultz, Director of Workforce Development, Tooling U-SME, OH  Moderator: Dr. Debra Volzer, Governments and Workforce Partnerships, SME, OH  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelvin Byrd, Dean School of Advanced Manufacturing &amp; Transportation Technology, Greenville Technical College, SC</li> <li>• Phyllis Ellison, Associate Vice Chancellor, Workforce Solutions Group, St. Louis Community College, LA</li> <li>• Dr. Justin Lonon, Chancellor, Dallas College, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Tonjua Williams, President of St. Petersburg College, FL</li> </ul>	Bayside BC

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<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Siemens Healthineers</p>	<p><b>Healthcare Horizon: Preparing the Pipeline</b></p> <p>The demand for imaging technologists remains high, and community college capacity is often limited by the availability of clinical sites, a shortage of qualified faculty, and concurrent program capacity limitations. This session will showcase innovative partnerships to build the next generation of talent early, quickly, and sustainably.</p> <p>Sponsor: Carnessa Ottelin, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Siemens Healthineers, NC</p> <p>Moderator: Geoffrey M. Roche, Director, Workforce Development, Education &amp; Workforce Solutions, Siemens Healthineers, NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rick García, Chief Executive Officer Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, and OADN Foundation, Washington, DC</li> <li>• Reetika Dhawan, CEO of Entrepreneurial College &amp; Vice President of Healthcare, Arizona Western College, AZ</li> <li>• Dr. Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College, NM</li> <li>• Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, Interim President, North Seattle College, WA</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>9:35-10:50 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by NCCER</p>	<p><b>Reimagining Construction</b></p> <p>The skilled trades, especially in construction, represent a powerful pathway to family-sustaining wages and a middle-class job that does not require a degree. Showcased speakers will include innovators and disruptors breaking the mold of higher education and industry partnerships.</p> <p>Sponsor: Cathy Tyler, Director of Accreditation and Workforce Development, The National Center for Construction Education and Research, FL</p> <p>Moderator: Jennifer Wilkerson, Vice President of Innovations and Advancements, The National Center for Construction Education Research, FL</p>	<p>Nottaway</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Barnette, Dean of Workforce, Central Alabama Community College, AL</li> <li>• Tina Lance, Dean of Professional and Technical Studies and Workforce Development, Germana Community College, VA</li> <li>• Muddassir Siddiq, President, Central College, TX</li> </ul>	
9:35-10:50 a.m.	<p><b>Part 1 of Federal Speed Dating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Brad Richard Conrad, Education and Workforce Development Manager, Manufacturing USA, NIST, U.S. Department of Commerce, MD</li> <li>• Brian Hogge, Construction Team Lead, Office of Infrastructure, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, DC</li> <li>• Rachel Zuckerman, Special Advisor for Implementation, Administrator’s Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, DC</li> </ul>	Grand Chenier
9:35-10:50 a.m.	<p><b>Compression Strategies for Community College Education and Training Listening Session</b></p> <p>We’re ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Wayne Wheeler, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p>	Bayside A
10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	<p><b>Part 2 of Federal Speed Dating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin Berg, Community College Program Specialist, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, DC</li> <li>• Ruth Georges, Senior Supply Chain Deployment Manager, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, U.S. Department of Energy, DC</li> <li>• John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor, DC</li> </ul>	Bayside BC

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<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Justice-Involved Students</b></p> <p>Join this session to learn promising practices to engage, support persistence, and the completion of justice-involved students in technical programs for employment. Strategies to destigmatize the experience for students, families, and employer partners will be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kevin Christian, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Eric Barna, Vice President of Instruction, Rappahannock Community College, VA</li> <li>• Ramona Curtis, Director of Workforce Programming, Tulsa Community College, OK</li> <li>• Dr. Teresa Foley, Interim Associate Dean of Non-Traditional Transition Programs, Connecticut State Community College, CT</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Workforce Policies and Partners</b></p> <p>The end of 2023 saw significant developments for Workforce Pell and WIOA Reauthorization legislation, two top priorities for community colleges. This session will bring you up to speed on important legislation and explore what may be in store for federal workforce policy in 2024. For those not attending the workforce policy post-conference session, this is your opportunity to learn about how these developments may impact your college. A particular focus will be the federal WIOA workforce system, particularly ways to foster stronger institutional-workforce investment board relationships.</p> <p>Moderator: David Baime, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Hermes, Associate Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Brad Turner-Little, President and CEO, National Association of Workforce Boards, DC</li> </ul>	<p>Nottaway</p>
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Snap-on</p>	<p><b>Converting Dual Enrollment Students Into College Students</b></p> <p>Community colleges are successful at early exposure to college through high school partnerships. Join this session to learn strategies to increase conversion rates of dually enrolled students.</p> <p>Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p>	<p>Grand Chenier</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Dorey Diab, President, North Central State College, OH</li> <li>• Molly Dodge, Senior Vice President of Workforce and Careers, Ivy Tech Community College, IN</li> <li>• Dr. Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College, GU</li> <li>• Frank P. Arriola, Chairman, Board Trustees, Guam Community College, GU</li> </ul>	
10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.	<p><b>New Initiatives and Development Wants Listening Session</b></p> <p>We're ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: David Baime, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC and Jen Worth, Senior Vice President, Academic and Workforce Development, AACC, DC</p>	Bayside A
12:15-1:45 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary – Essential Skills for the Manufacturing 5.0 Worker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College at Ft. Wayne, IN</li> <li>• Shon'ta Dwyer, Associate Dean, Technical Careers Division, Lansing Community College, MI</li> <li>• J. Craig McAtee, Executive Director and CEO, National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers, OH</li> <li>• Efrain Silva, Dean Economic and Workforce Development, Imperial Valley College, CA</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom ABC
12:15-1:45 p.m.	<b>Lowes Gable Grant Cohort Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Grand Couteau
1:50-2:15 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
2:20-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence</b></p> <p>The rapid growth of Artificial Intelligence has potentially serious implications for Cybersecurity. In this session experts will discuss key considerations for community colleges, their students, and the business communities they serve.</p> <p>Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antonio Delgado, Vice President of Innovation and Technology Partnership, Miami Dade College, FL</li> </ul>	Bayside BC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Chad Knights, Vice President of Information &amp; Engineering Technologies and College Computing, Northern Virginia Community College, VA</li> <li>• Dr. Jonathan Woodward, Executive Vice President of Teaching &amp; Learning Community Campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS</li> </ul>	
2:20-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>Building a Fully Optimized Workforce Pipeline</b></p> <p>Employers across the spectrum are reporting an inability to hire qualified candidates due to an excess in demand over supply. To meet the demand, a fully optimized workforce pipeline is critical. Join this session to learn about innovative approaches to this challenge.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Tracy D. Hall, President, Southwest Tennessee Community College, TN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jay Allen, President, Itawamba Community College, MS</li> <li>• Kristopher Gengler, Education Foundation Manager, Ashely Furniture Industries, Inc, WI</li> <li>• Jason Stanley, Sr. Manager Manufacturing Workforce Development, Nissan Group of North America, TN</li> <li>• Dr. Michael Torrence, President, Motlow State Community College, TN</li> </ul>	Oak Alley
2:20-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>Part 3 of Federal Speed Dating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Celeste Carter, Lead Program Director, National Science Foundation, VA</li> <li>• Jacki Ponti-Lazaruk, Rural Development Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, DC</li> <li>• Kinsey Walker, Program Analyst, Workforce and Education, Appalachian Regional Commission, DC</li> </ul>	Nottaway
2:20-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>Benchmarks of Inclusion</b></p> <p>Community college leaders champion equity from promoting diverse representation to fostering an inclusive culture. This session will examine the benchmarks that indicate effective leadership within the campus community, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts in driving systemic change.</p>	Grand Chenier

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	<p>Moderator: Dr. Kevin Christian, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Armenta Hinton, Vice President of Engagement, Retention, Inclusion and Title IX Coordinator, Harrisburg Area Community College, PA</li> <li>• Josefvon Jones, Director of Diversity &amp; Inclusion, Alamance Community College, NC</li> <li>• Dr. Wendy Stewart, Interim Associate Vice President, Chief Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, &amp; Accessibility Officer, MiraCosta College, CA</li> </ul>	
<p>2:20-3:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Outcomes of Workforce Training Programs Listening Session</b></p> <p>We're ready to listen! Join AACC staff to share what you are doing on key topics in 2024. Contribute to a national dialogue and make sure we are tracking your innovations and efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kevin Christian, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, AACC, DC and Kent Phillippe, Vice President, Research and Student Success, AACC</p>	<p>Bayside A</p>
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation</p>	<p><b>Automated Technologies for Transportation</b></p> <p>From self-driving vehicles to electric air taxis, autonomous technologies are transforming transportation by improving efficiencies, reducing congestion and increasing safety. This is creating a demand for a high-tech workforce to program, monitor and maintain these technologies. This session will highlight the technologies, integration, and guidance to support community college programs addressing the impact of autonomous technologies on the skilled technical workforce. Specifically, it will include information about the US Department of Transportation FHWA Transportation Training and Education Development and Deployment grant program, recommended knowledge, skills, and abilities for an autonomous systems technician core, and industry recognized credentials.</p> <p>Moderator: Brian Hogge, Construction Team Leader, Office of Infrastructure, Federal Highway Administration, DC</p>	<p>Bayside BC</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeley Griffith, Vice President, Strategic Programs at Association for Uncrewed Systems International,</li> <li>• Aaron Sykes, NCAT Steam Outreach Director, National Center for Autonomous Technologies, Northland Community and Technical College, MN</li> </ul>	
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by National PETE</p>	<p><b>Careers in the Solar, Clean Energy, and Environmental Technology Industry</b></p> <p>Innovations in clean energy and environmental sciences have led to new and more employment opportunities for community college students. Attendees of this session will speak to the global developments as well as gain insight into the very specific and growing solar industry. Nationally recognized organizations will present their latest tools and reports to take away and develop better programs in your local communities.</p> <p>Moderator: Kirk Laflin, Executive Director, National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) &amp; National Environmental, Safety &amp; Health Training Association (NESHTA), ME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Georges, Senior Supply Chain Deployment Manager, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, Department of Energy, DC</li> <li>• Richard Lawrence, Program Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), NY</li> <li>• Andrew McMahan, Director &amp; Principal Investigator of the National Science Foundation funded Environmental &amp; Natural Resource Technology (EARTH) Center, and Co-Principal Investigator for the Center for Renewable Energy Advanced Technological Education (CREATE), Central Carolina Community College, NC</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>
<p>3:40-4:55 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Snap-on</p>	<p><b>Dual Enrollment Opportunities in CTE</b></p> <p>Dual enrollment programs in CTE offer employers a skilled pipeline of job seekers and offer students an opportunity to enter the workforce earlier, with valuable, portable credentials. This session will highlight working models with high success rates.</p> <p>Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Angela Andersson, Principal, Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum, WI</li> </ul>	<p>Nottaway</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin Berg, Community College Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Tina King, President, San Diego College of Continuing Education, CA</li> <li>• Chelle Travis, Executive Director, SkillsUSA, VA</li> </ul>	
3:40-4:55 p.m.  Sponsored by National Council for Workforce Education	<p><b>Credentials of Value</b></p> <p>What if we offered a credential and no one cared? This session will explore how employers, students, and community colleges determine which credentials to offer, and why they matter.</p> <p>Moderator: Teresita Wisell, Vice President, Workforce Development and Community Education, SUNY Westchester Community College, NY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, President, Clark State College, OH</li> <li>• Ne'Keisha Stepney, Executive Dean, Business, Technology and Workforce Education, Waubonsee Community College, IL</li> <li>• Dr. Michelle Van Noy, Director &amp; Associate Research Professor, Education and Employment Research Center, Rutgers University, NJ</li> </ul>	Grand Chenier
4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Siemens Healthineers Partners Meeting (by invitation)</b>	Gallier AB
5:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>Networking Reception for All Attendees</b>	Grand Ballroom DE
6:00-7:15 p.m.  Sponsored by Swim Digital Group	<p><b>College President, Chancellor, and CEO Reception (by invitation)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, President and CEO, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Trimeka Benjamin, President and CEO, Swim Digital Group, FL</li> </ul>	Grand Couteau

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:30-8:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	Registration Counter
7:45-9:00 a.m.	<b>Closing Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Lipson, Senior Policy Advisory, CHIPS for America, U.S. Department of Commerce, DC</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom ABC
9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  (11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. buffet lunch)	<b>Post-Conference Session: Workforce Policy Deep-Dive</b> <p>The ability of community colleges to deliver effective workforce development programs is deeply affected by legislation, regulations, and other policies at the local, state, and federal levels. This three-part session will examine the federal workforce development policy landscape from several perspectives, including those on Capitol Hill that will write the next iterations of key legislation such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Attendees will hear from key leaders across the workforce development policy landscape. Join this opportunity to make your voice heard about how policies affect your programs and institutions.</p> <p>Moderator: David Baime, Senior Vice President for Government Relations, AACC, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Colbert, Co-Founder and Partner, Capitol Hill Partners, DC Paul Fain, Publisher, The Job, Washington, DC</li> <li>• Paul Fain, Publisher, The Job, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College, NM</li> <li>• Jim Hermes, Associate Vice President for Government Relations, AACC, DC</li> <li>• Lee Lambert, Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA</li> <li>• Rachel Lipson, Senior Policy Advisory, CHIPS for America, U.S. Department of Commerce, DC</li> <li>• Jane Oates, President, Working Nation, VA</li> <li>• Jennifer Stiddard, Senior Fellow, National Skills Coalition, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Michelle Van Noy, Director, Education and Employment Research Center, School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University, NJ</li> </ul>	Bayside BC



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jermaine Whirl, President, Augusta Technical College, GA</li> </ul>	
<p>11:15 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>(11:15 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. buffet lunch)</p> <p>Sponsored by Lumina Foundation</p>	<p><b>Post-Conference Session: Elevating the Role of Community Colleges in the Semiconductor Ecosystem</b></p> <p>As America’s community colleges seek to become nimble, affordable and industry-relevant leaders in the semiconductor industry there will be a need for a general understanding of the microelectronics landscape, and comfort talking about the specialized skills students and instructors will need. Colleges will also need to be aware of the essential partnerships with and from industry and government that can support, build, and sustain the science, technology, and engineering workforce necessary to establish the United States as a world leader in innovation.</p> <p>Moderator: Jen Worth, Senior Vice President, Academics and Workforce, AACC, DC</p> <p>Sponsor Welcome: Georgia Reagan, Strategy Officer, Employment Aligned Credential Programs, Lumina Foundation, IN</p> <p>Federal Perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Lipson, Senior Policy Advisory, CHIPS for America, U.S. Department of Commerce, DC</li> <li>• Mary Ann Pacelli, Senior Workforce Advisor, CHIPS for America, NIST, U.S. Department of Commerce, DC</li> <li>• Dr. Celeste Carter, Ph.D., Lead Program Director, National Science Foundation, DC</li> </ul> <p>College Reflections on Common Resources Needed: Terminology, Labor Market Outcomes, Critical Credential Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Vice Chancellor Workforce instruction, Houston Community College System, and President, Houston Community College Southwest, TX</li> <li>• Chad Knights, Vice President of IET and College Computing, Northern Virginia Community College, VA</li> </ul> <p>Industry Perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Harrison, Director of Digital Readiness, Americas, Intel Corporation, CA</li> </ul>	<p>Oak Alley</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Hernan Londono, Chief Technology and Innovation Strategist, Dell Industries, FL</li><li>• Bo Machayo, Director of Federal Government and Public Affairs, Micron Technology, DC</li><li>• Yelena Vaynberg, Government &amp; Regulatory Affairs Executive, IBM, DC</li><li>• Koushik Venkataraman, Director Workforce Development, Texas Instruments, TX</li></ul> <p>Table Talks with College Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Jackie Skyrd, Vice President Workforce development &amp; Corporate Partnerships, St. Petersburg College, FL</li><li>• Jonathan Woodward, Executive Vice President Teaching &amp; Learning and Community Campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS</li><li>• Garrett Groves, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of Strategic Initiatives, Austin Community College, TX</li></ul> <p>National Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Erik Hadland, Director Technology Policy, Semiconductor Industry Association, DC</li><li>• Michelle Williams-Vaden, Deputy Director, SEMI Foundation, CA</li><li>• Scott Lucas, Vice President for Aviation, Manufacturing, and Institutional Effectiveness, WSU Tech, and President, NCATC Board of Directors, KS</li></ul>	
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