



Workforce Development Institute 2025: Uncharted Courses

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Time	Title
7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. <i>Atrium</i>	Registration Desk Open
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Snap-on <i>Avalon</i>	<p>Initiating a New Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Leader in 2025 Professionals that are new to workforce development and/or advanced manufacturing will 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. Attendees will leave with direct contacts as well as partnership opportunities. This session will have three additional meetings in 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online on May 7, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Eastern • In-person on August 6-7, 2025 (Location to be determined. Please note, expenses for travel to this event must be provided by the institution and are not included in the registration fee. Attendees who cannot attend in-person, will be given an alternative option.) • Online on November 6, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Eastern
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Ferrilli <i>Britannia</i>	<p>Artificial Intelligence in Rural Economic Development and Workforce Planning As AI is embedded into all facets from campus operations to company expectations, attendees from rural or rural-serving areas should join this session to learn how it has been or is being effectively applied. Equally, best practices from colleges that operate and thrive in smaller markets that are geographically remote or bound by a fixed number of industry partners will be highlighted. Attendees should anticipate receiving publications, practical content, and connections with potential partners for a successful 2025.</p>
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by EON Reality Inc. <i>Cambria</i>	<p>Tapping Talent Pipelines Earlier in Emerging Technology Fields Career exploration and education continues to evolve as new methods for reaching and engaging students into career and technical education expand. This session will focus on early exposure for younger generations into career and technical education. Industry and association partnerships showcased will include those in emerging technology fields.</p>
12:00-4:00 p.m.	<p>AACC Affiliate Council Meetings</p> <p>Primary Point of Contact: John Dyer, Associate Vice President, Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC</p>
3:00-3:45 p.m. Sponsored by Swim Digital Group <i>LOCATION TBD</i>	<p>New to WDI Attendees Forum Any first-time WDI attendees are encouraged to join this brief orientation to learn how to maximize their time at the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimeka Benjamin, President and CEO, Swim Digital Group, FL • Jen Worth, Senior Vice President, Academic and Workforce Development, AACC, DC



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<p>4:30-6:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Commodore</i></p>	<p>Opening Plenary: Coordinated Economic Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Worth, Senior Vice President, Academic and Workforce Development, AACC, DC • Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, President and CEO, AACC, DC • Dr. Sunita Cooke, Superintendent and President, MiraCosta Community College District, CA • Mark Cafferty, President and CEO, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, CA • Reactors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Tracy Hall, President, Southwest Tennessee College, TN ○ Dr. Charlotte Warren, President, Lincoln Land Community College, IL ○ Dr. O. John Maduko, President, Connecticut State Community College, CT
<p>6:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Commodore Foyer</i></p>	<p>Exhibit Hall Open</p>
<p>6:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by All Within My Hands Foundation and Metallica Scholars Initiative Partners</p> <p><i>Commodore Foyer</i></p>	<p>Welcome Reception for All Attendees</p>



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7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00-8:00 a.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m. <i>Commodore</i>	Morning Plenary: Reengaging “Some College, No Credential” Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, NJ • Dave Daigler, President, Maine Community College System, ME • Dr. Nerita Hughes, President, Bay de Noc Community College, MI
9:00-9:30 a.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Coffee Break
9:30-10:45 a.m. Sponsored by Lincoln Electric <i>Avalon</i>	Workshop 1: Pathways to Skilled Trades An increasing number of students are foregoing traditional “4-year degree and beyond” career pathways and deciding to pursue the skilled trades and other CTE pathways. Discover how community colleges are developing promising pathways to these careers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Scott Strawn, Director, Global Applications and Education, Lincoln Electric, OH • Dr. Joe Seabrooks, President, Cedar Valley Campus, Dallas College, TX - CONFIRMED • Julie Parks, Dean, Workforce Training, Grand Rapids Community College, MI • Dr. Chris Reber, President, Hudson County Community College, NJ • Dr. Sheree Utash, President, Wichita Area Technical College, KS
9:30-10:45 a.m. Sponsored by Lightcast <i>Constellation A</i>	Workshop 2: Measuring What Matters Community colleges have a wide range of missions and serve diverse student populations. This session will explore the context for defining when to use what measure and provide practical examples of a variety of approaches to measuring community college student progress and outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Phillippe, Vice President, Research and Student Success, AACC, DC • Laura Ullrich, Senior Manager, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, VA • John Wannamacher, Vice President of Marketing - Education and Community Team, Lightcast, ID



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<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 3: Student Success Strategies for Social and Economic Mobility Join this session to learn national examples of optimizing your local talent pipelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Kevin Christian, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, AACC, DC • Karen Lee, Chancellor, Honolulu Community College, HI
<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by zSpace</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 4: New Models in Rapid Skilling Prioritizing essential skills and certifications will be discussed in this session by industry and colleges looking to fast track talent into critical industry areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Michael Carbenia, Senior Executive Director of Workforce, zSpace • Robert Matthews, Associate Vice President, Workforce and Economic Development, Mott Community College, MI • Amanda Sizemore, Assistant Vice President for Workforce Development, St. Charles Community College, MO • Dr. Kyle Wagner, President, Cheraw Campus, Northeastern Technical College, SC
<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Cambria</i></p>	<p>Listening Session 1: Come Share Your Dual Enrollment Strategies and Successes in a Collaborative Discussion with Other WDI 2025 Attendees</p> <p>AACC Introduction and Facilitator: Kathryn Gimborys, Manager, Government Relations, AACC, DC</p>
<p>10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED</i></p>	<p>Apprenticeship Building America EV Hub Partner Meetup (by invitation)</p> <p>Point of Contact: Lauren Buckley, Assistant Project Manager, AACC, DC</p>
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Green Flower</p> <p><i>Avalon</i></p>	<p>Workshop 5: Overcoming Objections for New or Controversial Programs Gaining buy-in from your own college peers and/or community partners requires mindful messaging, strategic relationship-building, and diligent execution. This is particularly true for new or controversial programs. Join this session to learn with and from partners who have been successful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager of Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC • Dr. Kimberly Beatty, Chancellor, Metropolitan Community College, MO • Daniel Kalef, Chief Growth Officer, Green Flower, CA • Dr. Alfred Griswold, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Harrisburg Area Community College, PA • Dr. Angela Sivadon, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Tulsa Community College, OK
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Tooling U-SME</p> <p><i>Constellation A</i></p>	<p>Workshop 6: Prioritizing Workforce: The Executive's Perspective The degree to which a college is focused on workforce development is largely aligned with the leadership's vision and values, which are in turn informed by local needs. This session will showcase executives with this mindset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Gretchen Schultz, Director of Workforce Development, Tooling U-SME, OH • Moderator: Dr. Deb Volzer, Director of Government and Workforce Partnerships, SME, OH



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amit Singh, President, Edmonds College, WA • Dr. Zarina Blankenbaker, President, Tarrant County College Northwest, TX • Dr. Michael Torrence, President, Motlow State Community College, TN
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by the American Chemical Society</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 7: Matching STEM Training with Skilled Technical Jobs</p> <p>Skilled technical jobs abound within industries that often are labeled with broad 'traditional' discipline labels (math, bio, chem, physics). How can colleges and their workforce development offices work together with STEM organizations to match skills learned in 'core/service' courses to industry sector needs. Hear from faculty and industry experts in materials science and chemistry working to adapt programming to meet the workforce needs of communities across the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. John-David R. Rocha, Program Manager, Education Division, American Chemical Society, DC • Dr. Sarah Preston, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and PI at Lakeland Community College Chemical Technician Certificate Scholarship and Internship, Lakeland Community College, OH • Dr. Ashlie Wrenne, Program Manager - Two-Year Colleges, American Chemical Society, DC • Michelle Rivard, R&D/TS&D Technologist, Dow Chemical Company, and Program & Stakeholder Outreach Sub-committee Chair for the Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals, MI • Dr. Jared Ashcroft, Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Micro Nano Technology Education Center, Pasadena City College, CA
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 8: Growing Small Businesses with College Resources and Partners</p> <p>From ideation to launch, community colleges can and should leverage their facilities and personnel as resources to support local entrepreneurs and business owners. This session will showcase models ranging from how to integrate business education courses with students who engage with physical resources (e.g. a Fab Lab) to co-locating with the Small Business Development Center or building a network of like-minded business owners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Becky Corbin, President and CEO, National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship, NC • Dr. Lisa Avery, President, Linn-Benton Community College, OR • Teresa Duncan, Vice President of Workforce Development & Community Outreach, Roane State Community College, TN • Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee State College, FL
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Swim Digital Group</p> <p><i>Cambria</i></p>	<p>Workshop 9: Integrating Credit and Non-Credit</p> <p>Industry needs skilled talent. Students merit recognition for upskilling. College staff deserve a smoother system to work within related to workforce and economic development. Attend to learn from institutions that are attempting to better coordinate their credit and non-credit efforts for efficiency and the benefit of all stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Trimeka Benjamin, President and CEO, Swim Digital Group, FL • Dr. Caron Daugherty, President, Flint Hills Technical College, KS • Dr. Zena Jackson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tarrant County College, TX • Dr. Lorenzo Reyes, Vice President of Workforce, Economic, and Resource Development, San Juan College, NM



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12:15-2:00 p.m. <i>Commodore</i>	Plenary Lunch: Artificial Intelligence Skilling
2:00-2:30 p.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Coffee Break
2:30-3:45 p.m. Sponsored by Light Brigade <i>Avalon</i>	<p>Workshop 10: Anticipating Data Center Industry Needs As new data centers are being built across the country, and they take their place as essential infrastructure resources, community colleges have great opportunities to place their degree and certificate holders within this growing sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Linda Nelson, Business Development Manager, Light Brigade, TX • Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC • Sean Kelly, Technical Director and Head of Marketing, Light Brigade, WA • Dr. Chad Knights, Vice President, IET and College Computing, Northern Virginia Community College, VA
2:30-3:45 p.m. <i>Constellation A</i>	<p>Workshop 11: Electric Vehicle Innovations Attendees should join this session to learn together with AACC’s key partners about the Registered Apprenticeship Electric Vehicle Hub, a resource for all colleges on EV battery production, vehicle assembly, maintenance and repair, EV charging station maintenance and repair, as well as healthcare and safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lauren Buckley, Assistant Project Manager, Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC • Michael Connet, Associate Deputy Executive Director, Outreach and Partnership, Association for Career and Technical Education, VA • Greg Mosier, President, Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS
2:30-3:45 p.m. Constellation B	<p>Workshop 12: Critical Networks Connect with nationally recognized workforce and economic development networks that can further your local relationships and effectiveness on behalf of students.</p>
2:30-3:45 p.m. Sponsored by Foundation for California Community Colleges <i>Britannia</i>	<p>Workshop 13: Safeguarding Jobs and the Environments Workers Operate Within Investments in career and technical education related to environmental infrastructure are shaping the future employment landscape. This session examines opportunities and pitfalls of creating or adapting environmentally impacted programs with employer partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Jeffrey Clary, Senior Director of Climate Strategies, Foundation for California Community Colleges, CA • Timothy Aldinger, Vice President, Workforce and Climate Innovation, Foundation for California Community Colleges, CA •
2:30-3:45 p.m. <i>Cambria</i>	<p>Workshop 14: Work-Based Learning Innovations In today's rapidly evolving job market, work-based learning is essential for equipping students with industry-relevant skills and experiences needed to thrive. Join this session to learn and share current effective practice.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kevin McMackin, Director, Strategic Partnerships, San Diego and Imperial Counties Regional Consortium, CA • Elisa Waldman, Vice President, Workforce Development & Continuing Education, Johnson County Community College, KS
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Avalon</i></p>	<p>Workshop 15: To Be Industry-Responsive, We Must Work Faster</p> <p>Speakers and attendees in this session will focus on college initiatives that skill workers in less than one year from college leaders aggressively attempting to meet industry demand while maintaining quality controls and public trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Douglas Jensen, President, Bismark State College, ND • Steven Partridge, Vice President, Strategy, Research and Workforce Innovation, Northern Virginia Community College, VA • Dr. Patricia Sims, President, Drake State Community and Technical College, AL
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Constellation A</i></p>	<p>Workshop 16: Utilizing Cyber Ranges and Hackathons</p> <p>This session will showcase successful cyber programs integrating real-world experiences into student training in order to better prepare future cyber professionals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager of Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC • Amy McClellan, Executive Director of Workforce Development, Southern State Community College, OH • Dr. Jeff Sullivan, Executive Dean of Integrated Technologies and Workforce Solutions, Chippewa Valley Technical College, WI • James Thomas, Associate Vice President, Business, Computers, Arts & Sciences, York Technical College, SC
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by NCCER</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 17: Building Futures: Collaborative Approaches to Construction Workforce and Economic Development</p> <p>This session will highlight successful partnerships, educational initiatives, and training programs aimed at equipping the next generation of construction professionals with the skills needed in today's dynamic job market. Attendees will gain insights into effective practices for addressing workforce shortages, and the impact of a skilled labor force on local economic development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Cathy Tyler, Director of Workforce Development, Accreditation and Customer Service, National Center for Construction Education and Research, FL • Travis Brookshire, Interim Department Chair and Instructor, Heavy Equipment Operations, State Technical College of Missouri, MO
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by SNF Writing Solutions</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 18: After the Award: A Reality Check</p> <p>The person who wrote the grant is not able to help you execute their proposed vision. You need to establish protocols quickly to ensure you maintain quality controls. If this is you, this is your session. Join to learn with and from the speakers and your peers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy Fitzsimmons, Founder and CEO, SNF Writing Solutions, OH • Ann Eisenman, Foundation Director, Clinton Community College, IA



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3:55-5:10 p.m. <i>Cambria</i>	Listening Session 2: Come Share Creative Ways You Have Engaged With Your Workforce System in a Collaborative Discussion with Other WDI 2025 Attendees AACC Introduction and Facilitator: Katy Nelson, Project Manager of Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC
5:15-6:15 p.m. <i>Aurora</i>	Lowé's Foundation Gable Grants Recipient Reception (by invitation)
5:15-7:15 p.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Networking Reception for All Attendees



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7:00-8:00 a.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m. <i>Commodore</i>	Morning Plenary: The Energy Workforce
9:00-9:30 a.m. <i>Commodore Foyer</i>	Exhibit Hall Coffee Break
9:30-10:45 a.m. Sponsored by National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) <i>Avalon</i>	Workshop 18: Successful Strategies for Micro-credentialing Learn with peers who have focused on recognizing skills, knowledge and achievements through short, and often competency-based, efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kate Kinder, Executive Director, National Council for Workforce Education, OR • Amardeep Kahlon, Vice President of Education and Learning, Central New Mexico Community College, NM • Andrew Robbins, Executive Director of Business and Industry Training and Apprenticeships, Northwest Shoals Community College, AL • Ne'Keisha's Stepney, Assistant Provost of Workforce Development, Waubonsee Community College, IL
9:30-10:45 a.m. Sponsored by National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) <i>Constellation A</i>	Workshop 19: Faculty Shortages in High-Tech Fields Attendees will learn from colleges that have utilized varying pricing strategies and structures to engage and retain talent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Craig McAtee, Executive Director, National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers, OH • Michele Wilson, Dean, Workforce, Technical and Computer Information Science Division, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, WV • Elbert Lassiter, Vice President for Corporate and Continuing Education, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, NC • Dr. Claire Korschinowski, Dean of Instruction, Clover Park Technical College, WA • Joe Baldiga, National Education Account Manager, Certified CNC Training & Workforce Development, FANUC America Corporation, MI



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richard Ammon, Vice President of Workforce Innovations, College of Lake County, IL
<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Lumina Foundation</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 20: Coordinated Communities: Chambers and Colleges</p> <p>Join this session to learn promising models involving Chambers of Commerce, colleges, and community-based organizations from across the country as they seek to support coordinated economic development and mobilization of untapped talent to meet local workforce needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kermit Kaleba, Strategy Director for Employer Aligned Programs, Lumina Foundation, IN • Rumsha Ahmed, Senior Manager, Community Impact Programs, Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, VA • Julia Langham, Vice President for Economic Development, Augusta Technical College, GA
<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 21: Workforce Policies</p> <p>AACC’s legislative team and others providing campus perspectives will examine potential policy changes as well as forthcoming political dynamics with a new Presidential Administration and Congress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: David Baime, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC • Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College, NM • Jim Hermes, Associate Vice President, Government Relations, AACC, DC
<p>9:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Cambria</i></p>	<p>Listening Session 3: Come Share How You Pipeline Your Own CTE Talent From Your Training Programs Into Your Own College in a Collaborative Discussion with Other WDI 2025 Attendees</p> <p>AACC Introduction and Facilitator: Wayne Wheeler, Project Manager, Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC</p>
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by National Network for Two-Year Degree Nursing (NN2)</p> <p><i>Avalon</i></p>	<p>Workshop 22: Increasing Students to and Through Healthcare Clinicals and Licensure</p> <p>This session will showcase models across the country that aim to increase the numbers of students entering, and completing, clinical experiences and licensure exams. Both the durable skills and the experiences that provide those skills will be showcased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Teddy Farias, Dean, Health and Natural Sciences, San Jacinto College, TX
<p>10:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Constellation A</i></p>	<p>Workshop 23: Cyber as a New Fundamental Skill</p> <p>Employers across all occupational areas now expect familiarity and comfort using cyber skills. This session will showcase a broad range of innovative integration efforts at community colleges and their recommendations for supporting your programs with cyber resources, funding, and partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kirk Laflin, Executive Director, National PETE, ME -CONFIRMED • Patrick Smith, Associate Professor of Information Technology, Mountwest Community and Technical College, WV



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Keogh, Director of Workforce Development, Community College of Vermont, VT • Dr. Michelé Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions, William Rainey Harper College, IL
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Territorium</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 24: Showcasing Skills Beyond the Transcript Workforce programs balance student upskilling with industry demand. This session will focus on proactive solutions for students in a skills-based economy, as well as aligning employer engagement with programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Guillermo Elizondo, CEO, Territorium, KY • Moderator: Keith Look, Vice President, Education Solutions, Territorium, KY • Steve Saucedo, Vice President for Training and Outreach, New Mexico Junior College, NM • Rowena Tomaneng, Deputy Chancellor, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, CA
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Engen</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 25: Streamlining Untapped Talent into Industry Colleges seeking existing strategies and solutions to connect community college student talent with employers should attend this session. Priority will be placed on examples that expand talent pools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Tadd Wamester, Director, Partnerships, Engen, NY • Joel Powell, Professor, Political Science & Law, School of Social and Behavioral Science, Solano Community College, CA • Dr. Alexia Q. Rolle, Dean, Career and Technical Education, Miami Dade College, FL
<p>10:55 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Cambria</i></p>	<p>Workshop 26: AI Competencies in Workforce Training As AI tools are deployed across every sector, community colleges need to integrate appropriate AI awareness and skills into existing programming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bottorff, Vice President School of Information Technology, Ivy Tech, IN • Dr. Liz Hollerman, Interim Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, Bellevue College, WA
<p>12:15-2:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Commodore</i></p>	<p>Plenary Lunch: The New Look of Supports for Workforce Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Flores, Senior Director, Innovation and Economic Mobility Partnerships, Feeding America, IL • Clayton Lord, Director, Foundation Programs, Society for Human Resource Management Foundation, VA
<p>2:00-2:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Commodore Foyer</i></p>	<p>Exhibit Hall Coffee Break</p>
<p>2:30-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by National Partnership for Environmental Technology</p>	<p>Workshop 27: Building Blocks for a Heat Stress Prevention Training Program This session is highly encouraged for colleges delivering programs for professionals who will work in high-risk and exposed occupations. New tools designed by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Worker Training Program to reduce the risk of heat stress for workers will be showcased and builds on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) resources.</p>



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Education (National PETE) <i>Avalon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirk Laflin, Executive Director, National PETE, ME
2:30-3:45 p.m. Sponsored by Transfr <i>Constellation A</i>	<p>Workshop 28: Workforce and Economic Development Tools and Technology Community college workforce and economic development professionals avail themselves of a variety of tools, technologies, and strategies that serve to streamline and focus college workforce training efforts. Join this session to learn what your peers are using to keep up and excel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Katie George, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Transfr, TX Chris Heigle, President, Arkansas Northeastern College, AR Alan Threadgill, Program Chair, Electrical Systems, West Georgia Technical College, GA
2:30-3:45 p.m. <i>Constellation B</i>	<p>Workshop 29: Transportation Infrastructure The energy grid and charging station access have permeated conversations from urban communities to national parks. Join this session to learn of quality partners looking to support your college’s understanding and future efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony Cracchiola, Manager, Technical Training, Energy and Charging, Rivian, CA Kristi Glesne, Associate Director, Program Development and Innovation, Heartland Community College, IL Chris McNally, Professor, Department Chair, Applied Technologies, Hudson Valley Community College, NY
2:30-3:45 p.m. Sponsored by Safal Partners <i>Britannia</i>	<p>Workshop 30: Finding Your Organization’s Best Fit with Registered Apprenticeship Colleges looking to position talent and potential funding streams for Registered Apprenticeship in their communities should join to learn from successful peers and partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction: Melissa Schroeder, Workforce Practice Director, Safal Partners, NV Moderator: Katie Adams, Chief Delivery Officer, Safal Partners, VA Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor Workforce and Economic Development, California Community College Chancellors Office, CA Marvin Martinez, Chancellor, Rancho Santiago Community College District, CA
2:30-5:00 p.m. <i>Cambria</i>	<p>Appalachian Regional Commission’s Cyber ACCESS Grant Meetup (by invitation)</p>
3:55-5:10 p.m. <i>Avalon</i>	<p>Workshop 31: Collaboration with and Resources for STEM Innovation Attendees at this session will hear from executives with 2025 funding opportunities, partnership concepts, and specific names and networks that can establish or expand your community’s STEM efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Ellen Hause, Associate Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs, AACC, DC Joe Battista, Vice President for Workforce, Career and Professional Education, Valencia College, FL



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Christine Delahanty, Program Director, Division of Undergraduate Education, STEM Education Directorate, National Science Foundation, DC • Dr. V. Celeste Carter, Program Director, Division of Undergraduate Education, STEM Education Directorate, National Science Foundation, DC
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Axim Collaborative</p> <p><i>Constellation A</i></p>	<p>Workshop 32: Skills-Forward: Implications and Opportunities for Community Colleges</p> <p>Employers are increasingly seeking employees with skills, not just degrees or credentials. How do we best position ourselves to meet this demand? Resources, beneficial partnership opportunities, and showcased sites will be presented along with open sources to align their taxonomy to support their streamlining of course descriptions, with employer need discussions, and student resumes and skills documentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Jenna Markowski, Manager, Axim, IL • Dr. Amber Garrison Duncan, Executive Vice President, Competency-Based Education Network, TN • Kenley Steck, Continuing Education and Microcredential Coordinator, Snow College, UT
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsored by Lowe’s Foundation</p> <p><i>Constellation B</i></p>	<p>Workshop 33: Innovative Strategies Community Colleges are Using to Open and Expand Their Reach with Future Skilled Tradespeople</p> <p>Skilled trade Workforce credentials must align to industry-related needs in coordination with local and regional understanding. Join this session to see colleges showcased that prioritize career and technical pathway solutions to worker shortages as well as how they wrapped in student innovation to their programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lauren Norman, Senior Manager, Lowe’s Foundation, NC • Carisa Chavez, Programs Supervisor and Associate Faculty, MiraCosta College, CA • Nancy McKinney, Associate Vice President of Philanthropy and CEO, Midlands Technical College Foundation, SC • Angela Mendolaro, Assistant Vice President, Major Gifts and Planned Giving, Valencia College Foundation, FL
<p>3:55-5:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Britannia</i></p>	<p>Workshop 34: Maintaining Workforce Continuity During a Leadership Transition</p> <p>From planned retirements to sudden departures, college efforts cannot stop in service to college students and company partners. Join to learn strategies to keep continuity on critical economic development efforts from planned transitioning of leaders to staff reacting to unanticipated changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee D. Lambert, Chancellor and CEO, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA • Dr. Annette Parker, President, South Central College, MN • Jonathan McCoy, Board Chair, Western Dakota Technical College, SD • Christine Goldsmith, Acting President and VP of Finance and Operations, Western Dakota Technical College, SD
<p>6:00-7:15 p.m.</p> <p><i>Location to be Determined</i></p>	<p>College President, Chancellor, and CEO Reception (by invitation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, President and CEO, AACC, DC • Karen Lee, Chancellor, Honolulu Community College, HI



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Friday, January 31, 2025

Time	Title
7:30-8:00 a.m. <i>Atrium</i>	Registration Desk Open
7:45-9:00 a.m. <i>Commodore</i>	Closing Plenary: The Future of Simulation and Modeling Training
9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. <i>Constellation A</i>	Post-Conference Aligned Workforce Initiative Meeting: EPIIC Primary Point of Contact: Joe McMichael, Vice Chancellor of Ivy+ Career Link, Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne/Warsaw, IN
9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. <i>Constellation B</i>	Post-Conference Aligned Workforce Initiative Meeting: ACCEF Primary Point of Contact: Katy Nelson, Project Manager, Workforce and Economic Development, AACC, DC