

Workforce & Education Conference

Registration

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:30 am - 10:10 am

Lisa Gray, President, Ohio Excels

Baiju Shah, President and CEO, Greater Cleveland Partnership & Board Chair, Ohio Excels

Jon Husted, Lt. Governor of Ohio

Mike Duffey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

Steve Dackin, Director, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Plenary: Keeping Ohio Globally Competitive

10:10 am - 11:45 am

Jason Dougal, President and COO, National Center on Education and the Economy

Tori Holloway, PhD, Superintendent, Vicksburg Warren School District

Mario Kratsch, Vice President, German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Inc.

Erica Viar, Vice President of Consulting, Ascend Indiana

Panel Discussion: Global Models

11:45 am - 12:10 pm

Lunch & Networking

12:10 pm - 1:30 pm

Breakout Sessions Round 1

1:40 pm - 2:25 pm

Career Pathways and Emerging Technologies

Networking Break

2:35 pm - 2:50 pm

Breakout Sessions Round 2

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Ohio Best Practices

Addressing Regional Talent Needs: Strategy Workshops

3:55 pm - 4:55 pm

- Cincinnati Region
- Cleveland Region
- Columbus Region
- Dayton Region
- Mahoning Valley Region
- Southeast Region
- Toledo Region

Reception

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



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Breakout Sessions Round 1: Career Pathways & Emerging Technologies

Harnessing AI for Education: Ohio's Vision for AI in Education & Innovative District Approaches - Pheoris West C, Floor 3

Explore Ohio's AI in Education Plan and discover how districts are using AI to enhance learning.

- Lisa Gray, President, Ohio Excels
- Dawn Scott, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Tipp City Exempted Village Schools
- William Sprankles, Assistant Superintendent, Butler Tech

The Power of Partnerships: Building Pathways from Classrooms to Careers Gina Knee, Floor 4

Creating opportunities for collaboration between businesses and educators to create real-life pathways to employment for students in the energy, semiconductor, and other high-demand career areas.

- Jessica Borza, Managing Director, Workforce Services, Ohio Manufacturers' Association
- Cassandra Palsgrove, Director, K-12 Education Policy, Ohio Excels
- Shaun Yoder, President and CEO, SYC Strategies

Beyond Career Day: Empowering Future Leaders through Innovative Career Exploration Experiences - Pheoris West A, Floor 3

Go beyond the traditional career day model to energize and excite students for their future careers! Join us for an interactive session that showcases how schools and partner organizations are empowering students to explore and prepare students for their futures.

- Brittany Becker, Senior Manager of Evaluation and Learning, Greater Cleveland Career Consortium
- Kristy Fairfax, KMF Workforce Consulting, Learn to Earn Dayton
- Autumn Russell, President and CEO, Greater Cleveland Career Consortium
- Tasha Werry, Executive Director, Building Bridges to Careers

Unlocking Educational Flexibility: Navigating State Policies for Creative Learning Opportunities - Charles Massey AB, Floor 3

Explore innovative state policies and the flexibility they offer. Gain insights from state leaders and a school district that has successfully implemented these opportunities to enhance creative learning.

- Taylor Porter, Principal, Sycamore Community Schools
- Becky Stewart, Director, College Credit Plus, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Graham Wood, Director, Office of Graduate Success, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Leveling Up the High School Experience - Pheoris West B, Floor 3

Explore how Ohio is preparing students for high school experiences that include credential attainment, work-based learning, and seamless transitions to college and career. Learn strategies to help ensure students have the information and agency to succeed in a high-quality pathway.

- Quentin Suffren, Senior Advisor, ExcelinEd
- Jeremy Varner, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network (OSCN): Pathways & Upskilling Roman Johnson, Floor 3

Delve into the Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network (OSCN) and discover how this initiative is aligning education with industry needs. Learn about pathways, upskilling opportunities, and how you can get involved at multiple levels to support Ohio's semiconductor industry.

- Scot McLemore, Executive in Residence, Columbus State Community College
- Terri Burgess Sandu, Director of Talent and Business Innovation, Lorain County Community College
- Mitchell Ward, Director of Development, Columbus State Community College
- Rick Woodfield, Chief Academic Officer, Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Mentorship Networking Sessions: Personalized 15-minute Sessions with Experts Alfred Tibor, Floor 3

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AIM HIRE Breakout Sessions

Breakout Sessions Round 2: Ohio Best Practices

Simulated Work-Based Learning: Connecting Industry to Schools - Gina Knee, Floor 4

Learn how simulated work-based learning bridges the gap between industry and education. Hear from professionals who have created successful models.

- Opal Brant, Emerging Talent Manager, One Columbus
- Courtney Falato, Vice President and Program Officer, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase
- Jenny Meade, Director of Career-Technical Education, Columbus City Schools

Enhancing Career Readiness: Central Ohio ESC's Career Readiness Audit Approach Pheoris West B, Floor 3

Discover how schools are aligning offerings with industry needs and using state data on postsecondary preparation to implement effective career pathways.

- Robb Gonda, Director of College and Career Success, ESC of Central Ohio

Preparing Students for Global Competition: What a Local District is Doing to Ensure Student Success - Charles Massey AB, Floor 3

Explore how Dublin City Schools is preparing students for global competition through their innovative career programming, outreach to recent graduates, and partnerships through their Business Advisory Council.

- Gordon Gough, President and CEO, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
- John Marschhausen, Superintendent, Dublin City Schools

If You Want to Be It, You Have to See It: Helping Students Achieve Their Career Goals with YouScience - Pheoris West C, Floor 3

Learn how to create a future-self vision and achieve career goals with YouScience, featuring experiences from educational leaders.

- Amy Bradley, Senior Territory Manager, YouScience
- Shannon Cox, Superintendent, Montgomery County ESC
- Philip Hardin, Chairman, Co-Founder & CFO, YouScience
- Andrea Smith, Superintendent, North Point ESC

High School CTE German-American Apprenticeship Exchange: Upper Valley Career Center's Innovative Approach to Work-Based Learning - Roman Johnson, Floor 3

Explore the unique High School CTE German-American Apprenticeship Exchange to enhance students' global career readiness.

- Mathias Merker, Chair of International Affairs, Berufsbildende Schule Metall- und Elektrotechnik
- Tony Trapp, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Upper Valley Career Center

Empowering Students with Earn & Learn: Miami University's Work+ Program Pheoris West A, Floor 3

Explore how Miami University is preparing students for successful careers through hands-on experience and skill-building – and learn how you can implement similar strategies!

- Ande Durojaiye, Vice President and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science, Miami University
- Nicole Hoyer, Director of State Relations, Miami University

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