

Speakers

Adam Artman, President and Executive Director, Manufacturing Works

With a background in nonprofit leadership, economic development, and workforce strategy, Adam brings a data-driven and results-oriented approach to Manufacturing Works. He is a passionate advocate for manufacturing excellence, believing in the power of education, innovation, and strategic investment to drive long-term industry success.

Under his leadership, Manufacturing Works has expanded its impact, enhancing apprenticeship programs, workforce training initiatives, and industry-driven business support services. Adam plays a pivotal role in forging strong collaborations between manufacturers, educators, and economic development organizations to create sustainable solutions for workforce challenges and business growth.



Ashley Blackburn, Intelligence Liaison Officer, Ohio Homeland Security

Ashley Blackburn currently serves as our State's Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) Coordinator with Ohio Homeland Security's Education & Outreach Unit. She has been with the Ohio Department of Public Safety for a year in a half, collaborating with local, state, and federal partners, to share information and intelligence products, while establishing a network of informed ILOs representing 11 critical infrastructure sectors. Ashley works with ILO's in Collaboration with the Ohio Fusion Center Network (OFCN), ultimately enhancing timely reporting of suspicious activity (SAR). Prior to her time with Ohio Homeland Security, Ashley was an emergency preparedness planner with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). During her time with ODH, she was lead planner for mass fatality management and authored the State's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Mass Fatality Management Annex.



Jason Brown, PE, CEM, LC, Director of Sales, TPI Efficiency Consulting

Jason brings 25 years of experience within the energy space, including management, sales, marketing, engineering, and operations, to TPI Efficiency. His previous experiences include being VP of Commercial Operations at General Electric, VP of Commercial Operations and Strategic Partnerships at Encientiv Energy, and having multiple engineering and sales roles throughout his career. Jason trained at the Pennsylvania State University's Architectural-Engineering Program, is a Professional Engineer in Ohio, a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) with the Association of Energy Engineers, and Lighting Certified (LC) with the NCQLP, and an award-winning designer in the energy efficiency space.



Matt Burkett, Director of Innovation Pathways, Applied Research Institute, Inc (ARI)

In his current role, Matt serves as the Director of the Indiana FAST Program. Prior to joining ARI, Matt served as the Small Business Program Director at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane where he was the single point of contact for all small business matters for the command. Matt led outreach and developed strategies that resulted in a record number of small business opportunities and obligations for NSWC Crane. Prior to that, Matt was a warranted contracting office and team lead supporting Expeditionary Warfare and Electromagnetic Warfare departments at Crane. Matt earned his Bachelor of Science in Management from Lindenwood University and his Master's in Public Affairs from Indiana University.



Denise Cowburn, Senior Client Executive, Tooling U-SME

Denise Cowburn is a Workforce Development Specialist for Tooling U-SME. Her experience in manufacturing equips her to implement best practices in workforce development and facilitate workshops across the country for organizations of all sizes. For nearly 90 years, Tooling U-SME has been providing manufacturers with the tools and resources they need to succeed.

**Taylor Evans**, President, Rust Belt Recruiting

Taylor Evans is the Founder and President of Rust Belt Recruiting, a leading manufacturing recruiting agency. A vocal and active advocate for the growth of skilled, technical and professional workforce in our communities, his company is committed to serving as a catalyst for change within the Midwest and Great Lakes regions. Taylor has found the perfect intersection of his passions: economic and social impact, workforce development and community revitalization. Taylor focuses on company vision, community engagement and business development.

**Tracy Green**, Vice President, Strategic and Institutional Development, Lorain County Community College

Serving as Vice President for Strategic and Institutional Development, Ms. Green has primary responsibility for overseeing the areas of Institutional Research, Planning and Engagement, Strategic Planning, Continuing Education, Workforce Development and Business Growth Services, School and Community Partnerships, Government Relations, Grants Development, Marketing and Media Initiatives, Conferencing, Stocker Arts Center as well as the College's economic development portfolio. She also serves as Vice President of the Lorain County Community College Foundation.

**Shawn Isham**, Vice President Engine Business and Strategic Account Executive, Parker Aerospace

Shawn Isham is a seasoned aerospace business development leader and passionate pilot of innovative engineered solutions that brings value to key customers. Leveraging his experience and senior level relationships in military and commercial markets, Shawn develops strategic growth plans that align with key customer needs. He has led cross functional integrations teams through multi-billion-dollar aerospace acquisitions leveraging synergies from the combined enterprises. He relishes the opportunity to build growth teams that collaborate with technical and business leaders taking vision from concept to flight.

**David Lewin**, Critical Infrastructure, RSM, Echodyne

David Lewin supports numerous drone corridors, law enforcement UAS programs, utility line inspections with drones, and many other future air mobility applications with Echodyne radars that provide visibility of all things flying in the low altitude airspace. David also hosts a weekly LinkedIn live podcast called *This Week In Drones*, a community driven conversation about opportunities and challenges in the drone and AAM markets.



Amelia Moore, Public Safety Intelligence Analyst, Ohio Homeland Security

Amelia Moore is a dedicated intelligence analyst currently serving Ohio Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Unit. She has been with the Department of Public Safety for two years focusing on analyzing threats to all 16 sectors of critical infrastructure and developing products to enhance public safety. Amelia's passion for the protection of critical infrastructure drove her to earn a certificate in Infrastructure Protection from Texas A & M Engineering Extension Services. With an educational background from Fairmont State University, Ms. Moore graduated with a double major in National Security and Intelligence and Political Science, complimented by a minor in Spanish. Prior to this position, Ms. Moore gained valuable experience as an intelligence analyst for Fairmont State's Open-Source Intelligence Exchange and worked as an intern for Senator Rob Portman.

**Dickon Newman**, Information System Security Officer (ISSO), Kloud9IT

With over 25 years in IT and 15+ years specializing in security and compliance, Dickon is a trusted leader in navigating complex regulatory frameworks. As the Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) at Kloud9 IT and a Certified CMMC Professional (CCP), he guides organizations through DoD security requirements, ensuring adherence to stringent compliance standards. From Helpdesk Technician to Vice President of IT, Dickon's extensive experience empowers businesses to strengthen their security posture and mitigate risks effectively.

**John Ribic**, President, Rimeco Products, Inc.

Since joining the company, a leading manufacturer of CNC machined components for the aerospace industry, in 1997, John has worked through every position within the organization, gaining extensive knowledge and experience in all facets of the business. In 2014, he assumed the role of President, leading the company to new heights. Under John's leadership, Rimeco Products has continued to excel, maintaining its AS9100 certification and ITAR compliance. The company, founded in 1992, operates with a team of 54 employees running two shifts, five days a week. Known for its precision and commitment to quality, Rimeco serves as a trusted partner in the aerospace industry.

**Glenn Richardson**, Managing Director, Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace and Aviation, JobsOhio

Glenn Richardson is the Managing Director of Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace for JobsOhio, the State of Ohio's private economic development company. Glenn is responsible for leading the state's economic development network to help existing Ohio manufacturing and aerospace companies grow, and to attract new companies to the state. Prior to JobsOhio, he worked for Rolls-Royce Energy Systems, Inc. as Vice President of the Packaging and Driven Equipment Supply Chain Unit. Glenn has also worked for the Dana Corporation as the VP of Off-highway, Americas and with Honeywell, where he led the development of the fuel valves for the jet engine on the F-22 fighter.

**Kyle Snyder**, Fly About Strategies

With more than 20 years in aerospace/aviation and unmanned systems technology transfer and development, Kyle has been lucky to see some amazing breakthroughs and the transition to a digital air transportation system. The exciting part of this career is that we are seeing technological changes and predictions that used to be considered science fiction now becoming reality. We must remember to review history, while also seeking new opportunities for inspiration and motivation.



Scott Springer, Senior Technology Manager, TechLink

Prior to TechLink, Scott was the Vice President of Growth & Development for the Wright Brothers Institute (WBI) – an innovation services firm supporting the U.S. Air Force (USAF) science and technology and small business enterprise headquartered and operated at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Wright Research Site, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. As a member of WBI's executive leadership team, Scott directed the Institute's collaboration strategy and partnership development model, fulfilling all roles in the opportunity lifecycle and fostering relationships across government, industry, and academia to support technology research, transfer, and commercialization initiatives.

**Chelsea Treboniak**, President, Critical Ops

Chelsea Treboniak, a United States Military Academy graduate, veteran researcher, and published author, founded Critical Ops in 2012. Under Chelsea's leadership, Critical Ops has carved a niche in critical infrastructure protection, providing cutting-edge modernization consulting services and products, including Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), blockchain for healthcare, and e-crime intelligence. Besides running Critical Ops, Chelsea serves on Advisory Councils and the Board of Directors for organizations dedicated to Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), blockchain implementation, and critical infrastructure security.

**Charles Valenches**, Key Account Manager, TPI Efficiency Consulting

Chuck has been a part of TPI Efficiency's efficiency efforts in manufacturing for almost a decade now. His previous experiences include helping manufacturers in Manufacturing Works control their energy spend through supplier negotiations and the implementation of efficiency measures to reduce energy usage. Chuck has been a member of Manufacturing Works for eight years now and was a key part of TPI Efficiency becoming the Official Energy and Efficiency Partner of Manufacturing Works. Before working in energy and efficiency, Chuck spent almost twenty years working in professional baseball.

**Jon Yormick**, Yormick Law LLC

Jon Yormick is a trusted international business and trade attorney and counsellor, with more than 30 years of practice experience, often focusing on sensitive investigations, voluntary and directed self-disclosures, penalties and enforcement, compliance, related to antiboycott regulations, Customs, export controls, economic sanctions, FCPA/antibribery, and government procurement matters. He regularly represents clients before the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), the US Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), the US Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

