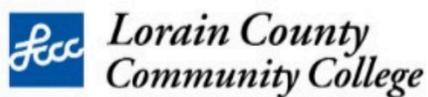


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Event Schedule

7:30 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – Welcome: The Future of Supplier Innovation

9:00 am – Expanding the Defense Industrial Base Production Capacity

9:45 am – Guest of Honor

10:00 am – Break & Networking Exchange

10:30 am – Innovation In Action

11:15 am – Collaborative Design Sessions

12:30 pm – Lunch

1:20 pm – Afternoon Kick-off

1:30 pm – Innovation in Action

2:15 pm – Emerging Markets

3:15 pm – Closing Comments

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Welcome



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.



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.



Chelsea Treboniak



President
Critical Ops

Chelsea Treboniak - President Critical Ops is 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.

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Panel: Expanding the Defense Industrial Base Production Capacity



Mark C. Williams



Senior Vice President, Dayton Site Executive
Sierra Nevada Corporation

A decorated leader in the military who served for 24 years, Mark C. Williams retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel in 2013 – at which point he began what would be an accomplished career at Sierra Nevada Corporation, a renowned aerospace and national security contractor specializing in innovative advanced technology solutions for aircraft. He began as its Director of Business Development from 2013 to 2015 before advancing to Senior Director of Business Development for a year, serving as Vice President of Aviation of Strategic Plans and Programs from 2017 to 2021, and ultimately ascending to the role of Senior Vice President of Strategy in 2021. In this capacity, he is responsible for the indirect budget for the largest business area of the organization; setting strategic direction in terms of investments made in Internal Research and Development (IRAD), proposal pursuits, and marketing money.



Bill Root



Senior Project Manager
Shook Construction

With over 10 years of experience in construction and project management, Bill brings expertise in leading large-scale construction initiatives and ensuring successful project delivery. As Senior Project Manager at Shook Construction, he focuses on optimizing processes, fostering collaboration, and delivering high-quality results aligned with client expectations.

His work is driven by a commitment to operational excellence, innovation, and building strong partnerships to achieve organizational goals. By leveraging his experience and leadership skills, he contributes to impactful and sustainable construction solutions that support Shook Construction's mission.



Cynthia Gettig, PMP



Senior Project Manager
Sierra Nevada Corporation

Cynthia Gettig, PMP is a Corporate Real Estate Senior Project Manager at Sierra Nevada Corporation with specialized expertise in aviation-focused real estate development and construction management. With over a decade of experience, she has progressed from Project Coordinator to senior leadership roles, demonstrating exceptional skill in communication, business development, and project management. An entrepreneur adept at representing executive stakeholders and interfacing with dignitaries on high-profile, time-sensitive projects, Cynthia holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

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Guest of Honor



Rep. Ty D. Mathews



Representative, District 83
Ohio House of Representatives

Ty Mathews is a leader and community-focused public servant State Representative of Ohio's 83rd House District. Born and raised in the heart of the district — encompassing parts of Hancock, Hardin, and Logan counties — Ty's life has been shaped by the values cherished by his neighbors: faith, family, hard work, and service to others.

A proven leader both in and out of uniform, Ty served as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army, where he was distinguished as a "Top Rated" soldier and graduated at the top of his class with military honors. As a platoon leader, he trained and led soldiers with a focus on readiness, responsibility, and integrity.

Ty believes in actions over words and has earned the respect and trust of his colleagues in the Army and in his community. He stands firmly for conservative principles — defending the Constitution, promoting strong family values, and protecting personal freedoms — and is committed to serving the people of the 83rd District with integrity and courage.

Innovation in Action: Readiness Delivered



Brooke Pyne



Vice President, Partnerships and Programs
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions

Brooke Pyne is Vice President of Indiana Programs and Partnerships at Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, where she leads strategy, stakeholder engagement, and growth initiatives across Indiana's and the Midwest's defense and national security ecosystem. Brooke brings over 20 years of experience in defense acquisition, innovation strategy, and public-private partnerships.

She previously served as Senior Strategy and Growth Advisor at CACI International and held senior leadership roles at NSTXL and the Applied Research Institute. Her career began at Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, where she managed the Technology Transfer program and served as the Midwest Federal Lab Consortium representative spanning six states.

Known for bridging government, industry, and research communities, Brooke holds a Master's Certificate in Public Administration from Indiana University and dual Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from Indiana Wesleyan University.

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Workshop: Interactive Collaborative Design Sessions



Mike Yost



Director, Manufacturing Excellence
Manufacturing Works

A thought leader in Smart Manufacturing, Mike brings over 35 years of experience leading industrial nonprofits and educating manufacturers on modern technologies. He held leadership roles at MESA International, CESMII - the Smart Manufacturing Institute, and the Industry 4.0 Club, and was a contributing expert for the World Manufacturing Forum Report and NIST AI in Manufacturing Technology Roadmap. Mike created "project IGBYS" and the "6 Degrees of Smart Manufacturing" YouTube series. His career includes leadership positions at GE's Proficiency Software, Activplant Corporation, and Rockwell Automation.



Tracy Brent



Chief Operating Officer
The Technology House

A proven operations leader with over 20 years of experience, Tracy serves as Chief Operating Officer at The Technology House (TTH), a leading manufacturer of custom plastic and metal prototypes and production parts. In this role, Tracy leads cross-functional teams to achieve TTH's core objectives of customer satisfaction, on-time delivery, and exceptional quality. She ensures optimal scheduling of materials, staffing, equipment, and technology, enabling the organization to consistently meet and exceed client expectations. Tracy collaborates closely with all departments to implement innovative processes that support growth and profitability.



Troy Vorhees



Vice President, Supply Chain
Sierra Nevada Corporation

A dynamic leader critical to supporting SNC's rapid growth, Troy leads the Supply Chain organization for SNC's largest Business Area. In this role, Troy has implemented a unique Supply Chain structure optimally suited to support SNC's various technology development and operational programs that directly support the Nation's security. SNC is a 'best of breed' technology integrator that provides rapidly fielded solutions for a vast mission set – accomplishing this takes an agile approach to traditional supply chain management.



Margaret Deng



Chief Servant Officer (CSO) & Founder
Intricate Chains Integrations LLC

A Global Supply Chain Transformation Leader and PhD Candidate, Margaret's research focuses on AI adoption and supply chain resilience. As Founder of Intricate Chains Integrations, she partners with SMMs to build resilient, future-ready supply chains. Bringing over 20 years of global operations leadership, she delivered more than \$80M in savings across supply chain, operations, quality, and engineering functions at Parker Hannifin Corporation. She leverages deep expertise in Lean, Six Sigma, Data Analytics, Smart Factory, and AI-driven solutions to help organizations strengthen supply chain resilience and unlock growth.

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Chrissy Cooney



Senior Workforce Education Strategist
Tooling U-SME

A relationship builder and conversation starter, Christin specializes in connecting business development and engagement to education and industry. With over 20 years in K-12 and higher education, her background spans admissions, career counseling, and community connection with a detailed focus on manufacturing and information technology. As Senior Workforce Education Strategist for Tooling U-SME, the education and training division of the Society for Manufacturing Engineers, Christin listens and connects as ideas are identified and processes are built. Her professional journey includes resource and career development at five colleges and universities, along with extensive compliance coordination experience in a constantly changing and highly regulated environment.



Greg Surtman



Workforce Development Manager
Tooling U-SME

As Workforce Development Manager at Tooling U-SME, Greg is responsible for leading the team that supports Tooling U-SMEs 1,000+ partner network.

Greg has over 28 years of workforce development experience as a top performer at New Horizons CLC, Cuyahoga Community College, Contract Training Edge LLC, & Tooling U-SME. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Toledo, is a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and a Certified DiSC Facilitator. Greg is passionate about helping both individuals and manufacturers succeed by bringing stakeholders together to create local talent ecosystems.



John Greene, PMP



Portfolio Manager
Reed Integration, Inc.

A Portfolio Manager at Reed Integration, Inc., John oversees federal training and advisory programs supporting acquisition, program management, and organizational performance. He has led the development and delivery of hundreds of acquisition and project management training products for agencies including the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, HHS, CDC, and DOT. A certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with more than 15 years of experience, John's primary focus is on U.S. Navy and DoD acquisition planning and rapid capability delivery. His work centers on helping government organizations accelerate technology development through "acquisition stacking," an iterative approach that leverages multiple contracting mechanisms to rapidly mature requirements, reduce risk, and deliver operational capability.

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Special Guest



Matthew L. MacLaren



Director of Travel and Tourism Policy
Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Matt MacLaren is the Director of Travel and Tourism Policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce where he works on transportation, aerospace, and tourism issues. As part of the government affairs team for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce he works on behalf of its over 8,000 members to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

Prior to joining the Ohio Chamber in 2023, MacLaren served as Ohio Tourism Director under Governor Kasich and Governor DeWine. During his six years as Tourism Director, Ohio's tourism industry grew to a record \$53 billion industry.

Earlier in his career, MacLaren worked as an SVP for the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) and as CEO of the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association (OHLA).

MacLaren is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School.

Innovation in Action: Engineering Your Success



Roger Gray

Group Supplier Development Manager
Parker Aerospace

Roger Gray is responsible for Supplier Development for Parker Aerospace. Named to the role in September 2022, he and his Supplier Development team represent 12 Divisions across the globe. They are responsible for supplier strategy and securing capacity to support the rapid growth of the Aerospace Industry.

He began his career in 1994 as a college intern for what is now the Hydraulics Systems Division in Kalamazoo Michigan. From there he has held roles in Manufacturing and Design Engineering, Product Development, Operations, Supply Chain, Business Development and Program Management in both the Aerospace and Industrial arenas.

Roger holds an MBA from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University along with a Program Management Professional Certificate.

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Panel

Emerging Markets: Air Mobility, Aerospace, Advanced & Additive Manufacturing

Moderated by Chelsea Treboniak



Josh Hays



Manager of Strategic Sourcing
Re:Build Manufacturing

Josh Hays is responsible for Strategic Sourcing at Re:Build Manufacturing. Josh joined Re:Build in July of 2024 and has helped to stand up a supply base for Re:Build's production site in New Kensington, PA. Josh and his team support the various Re:Build member companies with supplier identification and qualification, defining sourcing strategies, and risk mitigation. Prior to joining Re:Build, Josh was the Director of Category Management for Howmet Engine Products. Josh started his career in 2009 managing logistics with PLS Logistics Services before moving into buyer roles with 84 Lumber Company. From there Josh went on to manage Temp Labor, Mobile Equipment, Corporate Services, Production Materials and Outside Services throughout nearly a decade spent with Alcoa, Arconic, and Howmet. Josh is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College.



Sina Volkmann



CEO & Co-Founder
FINDIQ

Co-Founder and CEO of findIQ, Sina leads the first global Industrial Knowledge Intelligence platform — capturing expert knowledge, digitizing it into use-case-specific AI models, and transforming it into precise, repeatable maintenance and troubleshooting guidance for service and operations teams worldwide. With a background in digital transformation and industrial innovation, Sina previously advised manufacturing companies at Ernst & Young and UNITY AG on data-driven and AI-enabled business models. At findIQ, she drives product strategy, organizational development, and international growth, working closely with leading German manufacturers to strengthen troubleshooting accuracy, reduce downtime, and achieve measurable ROI. A TEDx speaker, Sina regularly addresses smart factories, workforce transformation, and maintaining performance as experienced technicians retire.

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Jack Surtman



Technical Sales Representative - Aerospace & Defense
JBC Technologies

A graduate of the University of Toledo with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology and a minor in Professional Sales, Jack brings a unique blend of technical expertise and strategic sales acumen to his role as Technical Sales Representative at JBC Technologies. He supports customers in the Aerospace & Defense industry through engineered precision die cut products, building strong relationships and solving complex challenges to drive growth through innovative solutions.



Ramshankar C S



Chief Executive Officer
Maxbyte Technologies

As Co-Founder and CEO of Maxbyte, Ram is committed to making a difference in the future of industries for sustainable development around the world. His mission is to accelerate industrial enterprise transformation for more productivity, efficiency, and growth through innovative digitalization, robotization, and decarbonization technologies, delivering impactful products and services that drive meaningful change across global industries.



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