2025 Future of Manufacturing Summit

Presented by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Shisler Conference Center Ballroom
Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
1680 Madison Avenue
Wooster, OH 44691

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	**Check-in and Breakfast**
9:30 AM – 9:40 AM	**Conference Welcome** *Samira Zimmerly, President, Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce*
9:40 AM – 9:45 AM	**Panel Introduction** *Representative Meredith Craig, Ohio House of Representatives District 77*
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	**Bridging the Gap: Building Tomorrow's Manufacturing Workforce Today** *Lynn Moomaw, Director of Operations and Adult Education, Wayne County Schools Career Center* *Jeff Spain, Senior Director, Columbus State Community College (Central Ohio)* *Nichole Fifer, Director of the Center for Regional Development, Bowling Green State University* *Jama Cobb, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, ESC of Central Ohio*
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	**Coffee break**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	**Leveraging Smart Automation in Manufacturing** *Joseph Waina, Senior Innovation Principal, Advanced Manufacturing Digital Factory, Verizon* *Steve Gillock, Director of Cybersecurity and Operational Excellence, TechSolve Inc.* *Tim Stuart, President, Visual Decisions*
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	**Lunch Keynote** *Marc McGrath, Regional CEO Americas, Schaeffler Group USA Inc.*
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	**Policy Meets Industry: Advancing Manufacturing in Ohio's Heartland** *Moderator: Sam Schlaich, Director of Government Affairs, Novolex* *State Representative Meredith Craig, Ohio House of Representatives District 77* *State Representative Matt Kishman, OH House of Representatives District 50* *State Senator Al Landis, OH Senate District 31*

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM   **Nearshoring & Diversification: Rethinking Global Supply Chain**
Kurt Kroplin, *Scotts Miracle Gro.*
Dave Braun, *VP of Sales and Marketing, Intelligent Generation*
Matt Wagner, *Chief Marketing and Sales Officer, Jarrett Logistics*
PepsiCo.