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## **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**

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| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM   | <b>Check-in and Breakfast</b>  |
| 9:30 AM – 9:40 AM   | <b>Conference Welcome</b><br><i><b>Rick Carfagna</b>, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i><br><i><b>Samira Zimmerly</b>, President &amp; CEO, Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce</i>  |
| 9:40 AM – 9:45 AM   | <b>Panel Introduction</b><br><i><b>Representative Meredith Craig</b>, Ohio House of Representatives District 77</i>  |
| 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM  | <b>Bridging the Gap: Building Tomorrow's Manufacturing Workforce Today</b><br><i><b>Moderator: Brian Lombardozi</b>, Vice President of State Governmental Affairs, Alliance for American Manufacturing</i><br><i><b>Lynn Moomaw</b>, Director of Operations and Adult Education, Wayne County Schools Career Center</i><br><i><b>Jeff Spain</b>, Senior Director, Columbus State Community College (Central Ohio)</i><br><i><b>Nichole Fifer</b>, Director of the Center for Regional Development, Bowling Green State University</i><br><i><b>Jama Cobb</b>, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, ESC of Central Ohio</i> |
| 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | <b>Leveraging Smart Automation in Manufacturing</b><br><i><b>Moderator: Michael O'Donnell</b>, COO of Consulting, MAGNET</i><br><i><b>Joseph Waina</b>, Senior Innovation Principal, Advanced Manufacturing Digital Factory, Verizon</i><br><i><b>Brittany Watson</b>, PBNA Sector Engineering, PepsiCo.</i><br><i><b>Stan Bovid</b>, Director of Engineering Development, HighCom Armor</i>   |
| 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM  | <b>Lunch Keynote</b><br><i><b>Marc McGrath</b>, Regional CEO Americas, Schaeffler Group USA Inc.</i>   |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM   | <b>Policy Meets Industry: Advancing Manufacturing in Ohio's Heartland</b><br><i><b>Moderator: Sam Schlaich</b>, Director of Government Affairs, Novolex</i><br><i><b>State Representative Meredith Craig</b>, Ohio House of Representatives District 77</i><br><i><b>State Representative Matt Kishman</b>, OH House of Representatives District 50</i><br><i><b>State Senator Al Landis</b>, OH Senate District 31</i>  |



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2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Nearshoring & Diversification: Rethinking Global Supply Chain**

**Moderator: Claire Flora**, Project Manager, NCT Technologies Group

**Kurt Kroplin**, Scotts Miracle Gro.

**Dave Braun**, VP of Sales and Marketing, Intelligent Generation

**Matt Wagner**, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Jarrett Logistics

**Tim Stuart**, President, Visual Decisions