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

Dave Braun, VP of Sales and Marketing, Intelligent Generation

Matt Wagner, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Jarrett Logistics

Tim Stuart, President, Visual Decisions