AGENDA

Monday, August 21, 2023 – CUSTOMIZABLE THINKING

11:00am Registration Opens

11:30am-1:00pm SWIB Board Meeting - Junior Ballroom A&B

1:00pm-3:00pm Pre-Conference Work Sessions

- Career Coaches – Grand Ballroom A-C (Invitation Only)
- Economic Developers (Invitation Only) - Meeting Room A-50
  - Gray Swoope
- Mississippi Veteran’s Workforce Council Summit Room (Contact Craig Sumrall to RSVP) – Junior A&B
- WIOA Core Partners Meeting (Invitation Only) – Junior Ballroom D

3:00pm-3:15pm Networking

3:15pm-5:00pm Grand Ballroom A-C – Intro/Welcome – Ryan Miller

- Keynote – Stephen Moret - President and CEO, Strada Education Foundation
- Understanding Talent Development’s Relationship to Economic Development
  - Ryan Miller and Gray Swoope - President and CEO, VisionFirst Advisors
  - Moderated by Courtney Taylor

5:00pm-6:30pm Reception/Soft Drinks (Prefunction Area)

Dinner on Your Own
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – HORIZON THINKING

8:00am-9:00am  Registration Open

8:00am-8:45am  Breakfast Buffet

8:30am-8:45am  Morning Kickoff-Ryan Miller Grand Ballroom A-C

8:45am-9:15am  Education & Workforce Talent Alignment

  Jean Massey – Executive Director, Ascent to 55%
  Scott Waller – President and CEO, Mississippi Economic Council

9:15am-10:30am  Breakout Sessions

  • Career Technical Education Return on Investment - Junior Ballroom C&D
    o Quentin Suffren - Senior Advisor of Innovation Policy, ExcelinED
    o Nathan Oakley - Policy Director for College and Career Pathways, ExcelinEd
    o Brett Robinson - State CTE Director, MS Department of Education
  • New Technology in Development with Higher Education - Junior Ballroom A&B
    o Moderated by Scott Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence
    o Dr. Gregory Easson – Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Mississippi
    o Dr. Julie Jordan - Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Mississippi State University
    o Dr. Shannon Campbell Senior Associate Vice President, University of Southern Mississippi
    o Dr. Almesha Campbell - Assistant Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Jackson State University
  • Telemedicine Implications for Workforce Support - Meeting Room A-50 (Invite Only) WIOA Core partners
  • Meet the Partners-Core Partners

10:45am-11:45am  Panel Discussion – Grand Ballroom A-C

  • Moderated by Ryan Miller
    o Lori Nail - Program Manager, AccelerateMS
    o Fatina Brave - Director Talent Acquisition, Ingalls Shipbuilding
    o Mike Clayborne - President, CREATE Foundation Inc.
    o Collyn Leggett - Career Coach Manager, EDA of Jones County

11:45-12:00pm  Lunch Buffet (Prefunction Area)
12:15pm-1:00pm  U.S. Senator Roger Wicker - Grand Ballroom A-C

1:00pm-1:15pm  Break

1:15pm-2:45pm  Breakout Sessions

- New Technology Implications for Tomorrow’s Workforce - Junior Ballroom A&B-- Moderated by Tonya McCall - Director Mississippi State University CAVS Extension
  - Dwayne Casey – Associate Vice President for Workforce Solutions and Career Technical Education, Northwest MS Community College
  - Rebecca Brown – Dean of Workforce and Community Development, Pearl River Community College
  - Dr. Jonathan Woodward – Executive Vice President, Teaching and Learning/Community Campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
  - Greg James – Workforce Systems Director, Northeast Mississippi Community College

- Private Sector Technological Advancements- Junior Ballroom C&D-350
  - Haley Fisackerly – President and CEO, Entergy Mississippi
  - Joe Stradinger – Founder, CEO – Edge Theory
  - David Sliger – Vice President, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant

- Meeting Room A-50 – Building a Durable Workforce (Invite Only) ##
  - Moderated by Jeff Good – President, Mangia Bene Restaurant Management Group, Inc.
    - Karen Matthews – President and CEO, Delta Health Alliance
    - Rep. Zakiya Summers – Representative District 68, MS House of Representatives

- Meet the Partners – Core Partners (Courtney Taylor)

2:45pm-3:00pm  Networking Break (Coffee/Soft Drinks/Water)

3:00pm-4:00pm  Ecosystem Table Daycaps (Grand Ballroom A-C)

  Topic: Priority Occupational Needs & Training Programs

  Wrap around discussion related to regional needs/ideas focusing on State Workforce Plan

4:00-5:00  State Plan Strategy Session (by invitation only-WIOA Core Partners)

  Meeting Room A-50 - Yolanda Boone

Dinner on Your Own
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – Theme is Workforce Triage

8:00am-9:00am  Registration
8:00am-8:45am  Breakfast Buffet-Prefunction Area
8:45m-9:00am  Morning Kickoff by Ryan Miller Grand Ballroom A-C
9:00am-9:30am  Remarks
  o  Rep. Donnie Bell
  o  Sen. David Parker
9:45am-11:30am  Breakout Sessions
  •  Healthcare Workforce for a Rural State - Junior Ballroom C&D
     ▪  Moderated by Melissa Temple – Director of Nursing Education, Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning
     ▪  Dr. Italo Subbarao – Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine, William Carey University
     ▪  Dr. Brandy Larmon – Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Mississippi University for Women
     ▪  Jessica Lewis - Chief Human Resources Officer, Singing River Health System
  •  Workforce Equipping America’s Warfighters – Junior Ballroom A&B
     o  Moderated by Sandy Crist - Executive Director, Mississippi Manufacturers Association-Manufacturing Extension Partnership
     o  Jessica Thompson – Manufacturing Operations Analyst, Aurora Flight Services Corporation
     o  John Kain – Director of Operations, Northrop Grumman
     o  Stephenie Murray – Human Resources Manager, Bollinger Shipyards
     o  Kyle Masinelli – General Manager, Winchester Ammunition
  •  Meet the Partners Strategic- School Meeting Room B-50

11:30am-12:00pm  Lunch Buffet (Prefunction Area)
12:00pm-1:00pm  What does a Comprehensive Workforce Strategy Look Like?
                          Grand Ballroom A-C
  o  AccelerateMS Team
1:00pm-1:15pm  Break
1:15pm-2:45pm  Breakout Sessions
  •  Effective High School Workforce Triage Efforts - Junior Ballroom A&B-150
     ▪  Lance Evans – Superintendent, New Albany School District
• Glen East – Superintendent, Gulfport School District
• Beth Turner – District Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, Desoto County School District
• Jermaine Brown – Career and Technical Education Director, Hattiesburg Public School District

• Accessing New Workforce Participants Junior Ballroom C&D
  o Moderated by: Chris Howard – Executive Director, MS Department of Rehabilitation Services
  o Billie Walker – Accessibility Program Supervisor, Sephora
  o Jack Fields – Summit Plastics
  o Tiffannie Hedin – Corporate Communications Manager, Toyota Mississippi
  o Katie McCrary – Director of Safety, Director of People and Culture, McCrary West Construction

• Career Coach Managers with Lori - Meeting Room A-50
• Meet the Partners – Core Partners

2:45pm-3:00pm Networking Break
3:00pm-4:00pm Ecosystem Table Daycaps (Grand Ballroom A-C)
4:00pm-5:00pm MS-SHIPS Consortium Meeting - Junior Ballroom A&B-120
4:00pm-5:00pm CTE ROI Planning Meeting (Invite Only) Meeting Room A-50
4:30pm-5:30pm Leigh Mansberg - Junior Achievement of Mid-South Junior Ballroom C&D-350

Career Coach Reception-Invitation Only

Dinner on Your Own
Thursday, August 24, 2023 – Tying the Trilogy Together

8:00am-9:00am  Breakfast Buffet Prefunction Area

8:45am-9:00am  Morning Kickoff with Ryan Miller Grand Ballroom A-C

9:00am-9:45am  Guest Speaker: Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University

Tying it All Together: How Partners Can Meet Needs Collaboratively

9:45am-10:15am  A Discussion with Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves

10:15am-10:45am  Awards Ceremony with Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves

10:45 – 11:00am  Ryan Miller - Adjourn Mississippi Horizons Symposium

10:45am-11:15am  Networking