



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**
 - **Quentin Suffren - Senior Advisor of Innovation Policy, ExcelinED**
 - **Nathan Oakley - Policy Director for College and Career Pathways, ExcelinEd**
 - **Brett Robinson - State CTE Director, MS Department of Education**
- **New Technology in Development with Higher Education - Junior Ballroom A&B**
 - **Moderated by Scott Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence**
 - **Dr. Gregory Easson – Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Mississippi**
 - **Dr. Julie Jordan - Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Mississippi State University**
 - **Dr. Shannon Campbell Senior Associate Vice President, University of Southern Mississippi**
 - **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**

- **Potential Topic: “Career Coaching: An Economic Growth Strategy for Mississippi”**
- **Moderated by Ryan Miller**
 - **Lori Nail - Program Manager, AccelerateMS**
 - **Fatima Brave - Director Talent Acquisition, Ingalls Shipbuilding**
 - **Mike Clayborne - President, CREATE Foundation Inc.**
 - **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 - Yolonda 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

- Rep. Donnie Bell
- 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
 - Moderated by Sandy Crist - Executive Director, Mississippi Manufacturers Association-Manufacturing Extension Partnership
 - Jessica Thompson – Manufacturing Operations Analyst, Aurora Flight Services Corporation
 - John Kain – Director of Operations, Northrop Grumman
 - Stephenie Murray – Human Resources Manager, Bollinger Shipyards
 - 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

- 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**
 - Moderated by: Chris Howard – Executive Director, MS Department of Rehabilitation Services
 - Billie Walker – Accessibility Program Supervisor, Sephora
 - Jack Fields – Summit Plastics
 - Tiffannie Hedin - Corporate Communications Manager, Toyota Mississippi
 - 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

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| 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 |