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## ***Bridging Innovation and Blow Molding***

**MONDAY, September 8, 2025**

	Attendee and Exhibitor Check-in and Set-up		
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Plastics 101		
<b>Session 1</b> <i>Fountainview (upper level)</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> Don Maines, Triad Precision Products Inc.	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  <b>Reciprocating Screw EBM Technology</b> Nicholas Rocheleau, Director of Engineering, Rocheleau Tool & Die Co., Inc.	2:20 pm – 3:05 pm  <b>Multi-Layer Extrusion Blow Molding</b> Jens Schlueter, President, W. Müller USA, Inc.	3:10 pm – 3:55 pm  <b>Blow Molding Design Fundamentals</b> Andrew Hobson, Director of Business Development, Heise Industries, Inc.
<b>Session 2</b> <i>Brighton I-III (upper level)</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mike Misco, Shell Polymers	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  <b>PE Manufacturing 101</b> Thomas Styranec, Polyethylene Technology Manager, Shell Polymers	2:20 pm – 3:05 pm  <b>One-Step ISBM Process</b> Craig Burkett, Business Development Manager, Nissei ASB Company	3:10 pm – 3:55 pm  <b>Shuttle Blow Molding Technology 101</b> Joe Slenk, Manager, Applications and Process Development, Bekum America Corporation
<b>Session 3</b> <i>Haselton (upper level)</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> David Brooks, Graham Packaging Company	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  <b>PET Overview</b> Xinfei Yu, Chief Innovation Officer for Specialty Chemicals, Indorama Ventures	2:20 pm – 3:05 pm  <b>Barrier Coatings 101</b> Danny Stevens, Senior Sales Engineer, Delta Engineering	3:10 pm – 3:55 pm  <b>Student Design Winners Presentations from Penn State Behrend</b>
4:00– 5:30 p.m. <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	Exhibits and Connecting		
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.  6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Boarding for the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise</b>  <b>Cruise the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh and enjoy a Welcome Dinner and Presentation of this year's Student Design Winners and Student Scholarship Recipients!</b>		

## TUESDAY, September 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>	
8:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. <i>Grand Station I-II</i>	<b>General Session I</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Eric Simmons, Radius Packaging	
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Chairman's Message</b> Eric Simmons, Radius Packaging	
8:50 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Chris Conrad, Commercial General Manager, Shell Polymers	
9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<b>Navigating Change: It Is Better to Be the Disrupter Than the Disrupted</b> Luke Williams, Bestselling Author of DISRUPT   CEO of Idea Skills™ AI	
10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Mid-Morning Break, Connecting &amp; Exhibits</b> <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	
11:20 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. <i>Grand Station I-II</i>	<b>General Session II</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Jens Schlueter, W. Muller USA Inc.	
11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	<b>The Impact of Challenges in Manufacturing Today</b> Gene Mussel, Director, Wipfli LLP	
11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	<b>The Influence of Private Equity on the Blow Molding Sector and Trends in Plastics &amp; Packaging M&amp;A</b> John Hart, Corporate Finance Managing Director, PMCF Investment Banking	
12:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. <i>Grand Station III - IV</i>	<b>Luncheon</b> <b>K Show Preview</b> , Alexander Duering, Sr. Project Manager, Messe Düsseldorf <b>NPE Bottle Zone Application Update</b> , Mike Urquhart, Consultant, PIA <b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	
12:45 pm – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 P.M. – 1:15 p.m. 1:15 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.		
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	<b>Session 1A: Innovations in Barrier Materials</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Alex Rocheleau, Rocheleau Tool & Die Co., Inc.	
2:05 pm – 2:35 pm	2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
<b>Barrier Material: New PEN Copolyester and Oxyclear</b> Rudy Flores, Appl. Dev. Manager, PET Specialty Polymers, Auriga Polymers	<b>Barrier Materials Case Study: A Non-PFAS Alternative</b> Mike Bonsignore, Chief Sustainability Officer, CKS Packaging, Inc.	<b>EBM Multi-Layer to Replace PVDC Oxygen Barrier Coating</b> Joe Palmer, R&D Innovation Leader, Altium Packaging

## TUESDAY, September 9, 2025 cont.

2:00 pm – 3:45 p.m. <i>Grand Station II</i>	<b>Session 1B: Innovations in Blow Molding Technologies</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Josh Kouba, Radius Packaging	
2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.  <b>Bridging Technology and Market-Specific Demands: Customized PET Bottles Blow Molding Solutions</b> Tetiana Pronikova, Head of Marketing, PET Technologies GmbH	2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.  <b>Reduction in Carbon Footprints &amp; Advancements in Large Blow Molding Equipment</b> Aleksandr Kharazov, Regional Sales Manager, ST Blowmoulding USA	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  <b>Non-PFAS Polymer Processing Aids for Blow Moulding</b> Zach Charlton, CTO, and Austin Bedrosian, Research Scientist, Ingenia Polymers
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibits and Connecting Reception</b> <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	

## WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast and Exhibits</b> <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	
8:30 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	<b>Session 2A: Carbon Neutral Innovation &amp; Evolving Consumer Trends</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Chaitu Gogula, Arch Plastics Packaging LLC	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  <b>Carbon Neutral Industrial and Agri Applications</b> Ken Carter, Staff Material Engineer, Polymers Fuel Systems, John Deere	9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.  <b>AI Design of Blow Molding Head Tooling</b> Mattia Anconelli, Business Development Manager, BBM America LLC	9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.  <b>Navigating the Contradictory Forces that Shape Modern-Day Trends</b> Diana Kelter, Director of Mintel Trends, NA, Mintel
10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Mid-Morning Break, Connecting &amp; Exhibits</b>	
10:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	<b>Session 2B: Sustainability Across the Supply Chain</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Surendra Agarwal, Creative Group of Industries	
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  <b>Towards Sustainability: State of The Art in Simulation of Blow Molding, Packaging Design, and Virtual Testing</b> Hossam Metwally, Principal Engineer and Dr. Kringan Saha, Lead Applications Engineer, Ansys, Inc.	11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.  <b>Case Study: Roles of Machine Manufacturers in Sustainability</b> Chris LaBombarbe, VP, Global Technology and Engineering, Uniloy Group	11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.  <b>New Product Development: Concept to Reality, Student Senior Project Presentation</b> Sarah Ross, Brady Dore, Luke Adams, University of Massachusetts - Lowell
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 pm <i>Grand Station III-V</i>  1:00 p.m. – 1:45 pm <b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Luncheon, 2025 Parts Competition Winners and Recognition of The Blow Molder Excellence Award</b> and <b>Closing Speaker</b> <b>Global Blow Molding Resin Update</b> Joel Morales, Jr., Executive Director, Polyolefins Americas, Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones company	