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

TUESDAY, September 9, 2025

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

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

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Exhibits <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	
8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	Session 2A: Carbon Neutral Innovation & Evolving Consumer Trends Moderator: Chaitu Gogula, Arch Plastics Packaging LLC	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Carbon Neutral Industrial and Agri Applications Ken Carter, Staff Material Engineer, Polymers Fuel Systems, John Deere	9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. AI Design of Blow Molding Head Tooling Mattia Anconelli, Business Development Manager, BBM America LLC	9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Navigating the Contradictory Forces that Shape Modern-Day Trends Diana Kelter, Director of Mintel Trends, NA, Mintel
10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Mid-Morning Break, Connecting & Exhibits	
10:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	Session 2B: Sustainability Across the Supply Chain Moderator: Dr. Surendra Agarwal, Creative Group of Industries	
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Towards Sustainability: State of The Art in Simulation of Blow Molding, Packaging Design, and Virtual Testing Hossam Metwally, Principal Engineer and Dr. Kringan Saha, Lead Applications Engineer, Ansys, Inc.	11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Case Study: Roles of Machine Manufacturers in Sustainability Chris LaBombarbe, VP, Global Technology and Engineering, Uniloy Group	11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. New Product Development: Concept to Reality, Student Senior Project Presentation 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 Moderator:	Luncheon, 2025 Parts Competition Winners and Recognition of The Blow Molder Excellence Award and Closing Speaker Global Blow Molding Resin Update Joel Morales, Jr., Executive Director, Polyolefins Americas, Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones company	