

26th Annual Quest for Excellence Conference



Monday, September 8, 2025 - OSU Fawcett Center, Columbus, Ohio

Time	Description	Location
12:00 pm	Registration Open	Lobby by Clinton
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Pre-conference Workshop #1	
	Being a Coach As An Approach to Leadership, Kurt	Hancock
	Schoch, Founder, Performance Improvement Consulting	
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Pre-conference Workshop #2	
	LEGO Game: Learn the power of Lean Six Sigma through an	TBD
	interactive simulation game, Edwin Boon, CEO, The Lean Six	
	Sigma Company USA (Limited to 15 attendees)	
5:30 pm	Reception – (Cash Bar, Credit Card Only)	Alumni Lounge
6:00 – 8:00 pm	2025 TPE Awards Banquet	Alumni Lounge

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - OSU Fawcett Center, Columbus, Ohio

Time	Description	Location
8:00 am	Registration	Lobby by Clinton
8:00 am	Breakfast	Alumni Lounge
9:00 am	Welcome, Opening Comments	Alumni Lounge
	Plenary Session	Alumni Lounge
	Built to Last: How Five Foundational Practices Drive	e
9:15 - 10:00 am	Excellence and Continuity, Robert Kleiner, Director of	
	External Operations, Northeast Delta Dental, 2024 national	
	Baldrige Recipient	
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break & Travel to Concurrent Sessions	
10:15 - 11:00 am	Leading with Vision: A Baldrige Approach to Strategic Thinking	
	and Innovation, Mid America Transplant,	Monroe
	2021 & 2015 Baldrige recipient	
10:15 – 11:00 am	Carol Shields, Director Performance Excellence, Community	Jefferson
	Health Network, 2025 TPE Gold Award Recipient	Jerrerson
10:15 – 11:00 am	Power Up Your Team: Tools and Perspectives for Smart	
	Workforce Management, Kim Adelman, Principal & David	Highland
	Murdock, Principal, ECG Management Consultants	-
10:15 – 11:00 am	2025 – 2026 Leader2Leader Collaborative	Fairfield
	Separate Event for 2025 – 2026 Leader2Leader Participants Only	Fairfield
11:00 – 11:15 am	Break & Travel to Concurrent Sessions	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Don't wait for AI, the Baldrige Excellence Framework and Lean	Monroe
	are here now, Margaret Dospiljulian, Dospil & Associates	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	TPE Award Recipient	Jefferson
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	GOSE in Action: Turning Service Standards into Everyday	
	Excellence, Robert Kleiner, Director of External Operations,	Highland
	Northeast Delta Dental, 2024 national Baldrige Recipient	
12:00 pm	Travel to Lunch	
12:00 -1:00 pm	Pledge of Allegiance, Lunch	Alumni Lounge
12.00 -1.00 pm	Recognize Examiners & Judges	
	Plenary Session	Alumni Lounge
	Leading with Stewardship: Revolutionizing Tissue Donation	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Through Baldrige and Lab Innovation, Amber Carriker,	
-	Director, Laboratory Services, Mid America Transplant,	
	2021 & 2015 Baldrige recipient	
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Travel to Concurrent Sessions	

2:00 – 2:45 pm	Easy Tools to Accelerate Improvement, Glenn Bodinson, Founder & Principal and Kay Kendall, CEO & Principal, BaldrigeCoach	Jefferson
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Coming soon!	Monroe
2:00 – 2:45 pm	From Big Idea to Successful Implementation, Tom Kress, Owner, Strategic Accelerator, LLC	Highland
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Travel to Concurrent Sessions	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Pecha Kucha Presentations of Process Improvement Projects, 2025 Leader2Leader Collaborative Cohort	Monroe
3:00 – 3:45 pm	The Value of being an Examiner, Mike Belter, Budget Analyst Staff - Appalachian Power Company (retired)	Jefferson
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Deming's Red Bead Experiment, Bill Soller, Principal, Corporate Advantage Network, LLC Note: This session will be 1-hour long	Highland
3:45	Travel to Closing Session	
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Closing Session	Monroe
	Baldrige Enterprise Update, Dr. Margot Hoffman, President & CEO, The Partnership for Excellence	

Schedule subject to change. Updated 7/14/2025.