

## **26<sup>th</sup> 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		
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	Heartwired Transformation: From Strategy to Heart in Valuing		
	People and Achieving Excellence, Carol Shields, Director of	Jefferson	
	Performance Excellence, Community Health Network,	Jefferson	
	2025 TPE Gold Award Recipient		
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*	1 unfield	
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	Coming soon!	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	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	Easy Tools to Accelerate Improvement, Glenn Bodinson,	T 00	
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Founder & Principal and Kay Kendall, CEO & Principal,	Jefferson	
	BaldrigeCoach		
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,	Monroe	
	2025 Leader2Leader Collaborative Cohort	Monroe	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	The Value of being an Examiner, Mike Belter, Budget Analyst	Jefferson	
	Staff - Appalachian Power Company (retired)	Jefferson	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Deming's Red Bead Experiment, Bill Soller, Principal, Corporate		
	Advantage Network, LLC	Highland	
	<b>Note:</b> This session will be 1-hour long		
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 7/24/2025.