

## **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 Stairs
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	Highland
	interactive simulation game, Edwin Boon, CEO, The Lean Six	
	Sigma Company USA (Limited to 15 attendees)	
5:15 pm	Reception – (Cash Bar, Credit Card Only)	Alumni Lounge
	2025 TPE Awards Banquet	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Improve Your Health Like You Improve Your Organization, Jim	Alumni Lounge
	Steffen, America's Fun Fitness Coach & Owner of XT Fitness	

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

Time	Description	Location
8:00 am	Registration	Lobby at Entrance
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 Continuous Improvement, Elias Koulouriotis, Mid America	Monroe
	Transplant, 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,	0011012011
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10:15 – 11:00 am	Power Up Your Team: Tools and Perspectives for Smart	TT' 11 1
	Workforce Management, Kim Adelman, Principal & David	Highland
10.17 11.00	Murdock, Principal, ECG Management Consultants	
10:15 – 11:00 am	2025 – 2026 Leader2Leader Collaborative	Fairfield
11:00 – 11:15 am	*Separate Event for 2025 – 2026 Leader 2Leader Participants Only*  Break & Travel to Concurrent Sessions	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Don't wait for AI, the Baldrige Excellence Framework and Lean	
11.13 am - 12.00 pm	are here now, Margaret Dospiljulian, Dospil & Associates	Monroe
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Customer Journey Mapping,	
11.15 am - 12.00 pm	Katherine Bosma, The Green Dot Group	Jefferson
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	GOSE in Action: Turning Service Standards into Everyday	
11.13 am 12.00 pm	Excellence, Robert Kleiner, Director of External Operations,	Highland
	Northeast Delta Dental, 2024 national Baldrige Recipient	11151114114
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12:00 pm	Travel to Lunch	

12:00 -1:00 pm	Lunch	Alumni Lounge		
	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				
	Easy Tools to Accelerate Improvement, Glenn Bodinson,			
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Founder & Principal and Kay Kendall, CEO & Principal,	Jefferson		
	BaldrigeCoach			
	Generations of Excellence: Engaging a Multigenerational			
2.00 2.45	Workforce to Drive Continuous Improvement, Alexandra	Monroe		
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Calingo, Executive Education Project Manager,	Monroe		
	American College of Healthcare Executives			
2:00 – 2:45 pm	From Big Idea to Successful Implementation, Tom Kress, Owner,	Uighland		
	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		
<u> </u>	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 8/15/2025.