



NCATC 2025 CONFERENCE

BETTING ON AI, SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION FOR A SMART WORKFORCE

SEPTEMBER 17-19



TUCSON, AZ



Tuesday, September 16, 2025

1:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Registration Open	Ballroom D Hallway
NOON	-	4:30 PM	NCATC Board Meeting (invitation only)	Salon B / Rain
NOON	-	8:00 PM	Exhibitor Set-up	Ballroom ABC
5:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Casual Meet & Greet - Networking	Ballroom ABC

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:30 AM	-	4:00 PM	Registration Open	Ballroom D Hallway
7:30 AM	-	5:00 PM	Breakfast & Exhibits Open	Ballroom ABC
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	DEDICATED NETWORKING / Exhibitor Time	Ballroom ABC
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	First-Time Attendees & New Members - NCATC Board Engagement During Breakfast	Ballroom ABC
8:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Dr. Jeffrey P. Nasse, Pima CC Chancellor	Ballroom ABC
8:15 AM	-	9:00 AM	Keynote: "From Hype to Hire: How Mississippi is Building a Smart AI Workforce" - Dr. Kollin Napier, MAIN	Ballroom ABC
9:20 AM	-	10:00 AM	Main Session - AI Expert Panel (CORD, Wisewire, A3, UR) - Moderator: Dr. Kollin Napier	Ballroom ABC
9:20 AM	-	10:00 AM	Breakout Session: "Forging the Future: Collaborative Blueprint for Advanced Technology" - Machinist/Apprenti	Ballroom D / Moon
9:20 AM	-	10:00 AM	Breakout Session: "Grant Writing Strategies for NSF-ATE Proposals" - NSF/Edmonds	Ballroom E / Rain
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	Main Session: "Adopting a Career Pathways Framework - Supports & Sustains Innovation" CORD	Ballroom ABC
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	Breakout Session: "From Classroom to Career: Innovative Pathways & Partnerships" LCCC & NextFlex	Ballroom D / Moon
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	Breakout Session: "Modernizing Technical Training - Best Practices Video Content for WBL" NTMA/Wisewire	Ballroom E / Rain
11:20 AM	-	NOON	Panel: "Student Voice - Pima ATC Students and Graduates" - Moderator: Marc Goldberg	Ballroom ABC
NOON	-	1:00 PM	Sponsor's Lunch / Pitches - ToolingU-SME, NC3, SMC, FANUC, Amatrol, ATP, FESTO, Heidenhain, Intelitek, MSSC, UR, Zeiss	Ballroom ABC
1:20 PM	-	2:00 PM	Load Buses / Innovation Industry Tour Transport	
2:00 PM	-	4:00 PM	Industry / Innovation Tours - AGM, AOM, Comp Engineering, Raytheon (pre-selected)	
4:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Load Buses / Transport Back to Hotel	
4:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	Refresh Break	Casino Del Sol Resort
5:00 PM	-	5:15 PM	Load Buses & Transport to: Flandrau Science Center & Planitarium	
5:30 PM	-	8:00 PM	EVENING RECEPTION & NETWORKING - Flandrau Science Center & Planitarium	Flandrau Planetarium
8:00 PM	-	8:30 PM	Load Buses / Transport Back to Hotel	



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Thursday, September 18, 2025

7:30 AM	-	NOON	Registration Open	Ballroom D Hallway
7:30 AM	-	7:30 PM	Exhibits Open	Ballroom ABC
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Networking with Sponsors & Exhibitors	Ballroom ABC
8:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks: Dr. Ian R. Roark, Pima CC Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Acting and Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development & Innovation	Ballroom ABC
8:15 AM	-	9:00 AM	Keynote: "Mastering the Mega Trends Shaping the Next Generation of Talent" - Mark C. Perna	Ballroom ABC
9:05 AM	-	9:20 AM	2025 Innovation Award / Special Session	Ballroom ABC
9:20 AM	-	10:00 AM	Main Session: "Empowering Younger Generations to Thrive in the Smart Machine Age (Pt 1)" - Perna	Ballroom ABC
9:20 AM	-	10:00 AM	Breakout Session: "Workforce for AI Driven Industry" - SMC/Toolkit	Ballroom D / Moon
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	Main Session: "FANUC Focus on K-16 Workforce Development and CERT Initiatives" - Aiello & Baldiga	Ballroom ABC
10:20 AM	-	11:00 PM	Breakout Session: "Rapid Talent Deployment: NCMI Model" - MSSC & RCCC	Ballroom D / Moon
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	Breakout Session: "Innovation from Within: How Intrapreneurship Powers..." - Korschinowski/CPTC Team	Ballroom E / Rain
11:20 AM	-	NOON	Main Session: "Supply Chain Workforce 4.0: Preparing for the Automation Boom" - Harrington	Ballroom ABC
11:20 PM	-	NOON	Breakout Session: "Revitalizing a Campus Center Suffering...." - WVU-P	Ballroom D / Moon
NOON	-	12:20 PM	Lunch / NCATC 2025 Annual Business Meeting & NEW Board Directors	Ballroom ABC
12:30 PM	-	1:15 PM	SME MI-WPC Panel: (Dallas, Greenville, CLC) - Moderator: Ashley Powell, SME	Ballroom ABC
1:20 PM	-	1:40 PM	Load Buses / Tour PIMA AMC & Automotive Center Transport	
2:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	PIMA Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Centers - Immersive Sessions & Tours	Pima AMC Auto
3:00 PM	-	3:40 PM	Breakout Session: "Where Education Meets Industry: Creating Pathways to Student Success" - NC3 Team	IDEA Lab, Room M185
4:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	PIMA Tour Transport Back to Hotel	
5:00 PM	-	5:30 PM	NCATC Strategic Partners Leadership Meeting (Invitation Only)	Ballroom D / Moon
5:30 PM	-	7:30 PM	DEDICATED NETWORKING Exhibitor Time	Ballroom ABC
5:30 PM	-	7:30 PM	Exhibitors & Attendees Reception, Awards, Drawings	Ballroom ABC

Friday, September 19, 2025

7:30 AM	-	8:30 AM	Breakfast & Networking	Ballroom ABC
8:00 AM	-	8:45 AM	Main Session: "Economic Development Role of Community Colleges with Pima CC" CREC/Pima	Ballroom ABC
9:00 AM	-	9:45 AM	Main Session: "Empowering Younger Generations to Thrive in the Smart Machine Age (Pt 2)" - Perna	Ballroom ABC
10:00 AM	-	10:45 AM	Main Session: "From Classroom to Factory Floor: Future-Ready Manufacturing Talent" - Taylor/SCC	Ballroom ABC
11:00 AM	-	11:45 AM	Main Session: "Building Strong Foundations: Labor Partnerships for Manufacturing" USIU/AFL-CIO	Ballroom ABC
11:45 AM	-	11:55 AM	Closing Remarks / Networking / Box Lunches	Ballroom ABC