



2026 CONFERENCE

TACOMA, WA | SEP 30 - OCT 02

*WHERE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COMES TO LIFE***Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

1:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Registration Open
NOON	-	4:30 PM	NCATC Board Meeting (invitation only)
NOON	-	11:30 PM	Exhibitor Set-up
5:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Casual Meet & Greet - Exhibits / Main Room

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

7:30 AM	-	4:30 PM	Registration Open
7:30 AM	-	5:00 PM	Breakfast & Exhibits Open (25 - 6' tables, cloths, 2-chairs) secure
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	DEDICATED NETWORKING / Exhibitor Time
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	First-Time Attendees & New Members - NCATC Board Engagement During Breakfast
8:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	A1 - Welcome & Opening Remarks - Dr. Joyce Loveday, President, Clover Park TC
8:15 AM	-	9:00 AM	K1 - Keynote: K1 - Brandon M. Wagner, Keurig Dr Pepper
9:10 AM	-	9:50 AM	T1 - Session - Beyond the Hype: Practical Frameworks for AI Competencies in Technical Programs; Hardbarger, CLC
10:00 AM	-	10:40 AM	T2 - Session - Hands-On Web Based Mechatronics Courses for High Schools and Industry; Pauley / Davidchik, CCC
10:50 AM	-	11:30 AM	P1 - Special Panel: 'Student Voices - Clover Park TC Students, Graduates and Employer', Goldberg
11:40 AM	-	12:20 PM	T3 - Session - Building a Direct Talent Pipeline at Boeing, Tooling U-SME, Machinist Institute, and Renton TC
12:30 PM	-	1:10 PM	Sponsor's Lunch / Pitches - Strategic Partners+
1:20 PM	-	2:00 PM	Load Buses / Innovation Industry Tours Transport
2:00 PM	-	4:00 PM	Industry / Innovation Tours - Attendees Select 1 of 3 > Boeing, Port of Tacoma, Willamette Mfg. Studios
4:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Load Buses / Transport Back to Hotel
4:30 PM	-	5:15 PM	Refresh Break
5:30 PM	-	7:30 PM	SOCIAL NETWORKING EVENT - Rooftop Views of the Puget Sound



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7:30 AM	-	NOON	Registration Open
7:30 AM	-	7:30 PM	Exhibits Open
7:30 AM	-	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Networking with Sponsors & Exhibitors
8:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	A2 - Welcome & Opening Remarks - TBA
8:15 AM	-	9:00 AM	K2 - Keynote: Jeran Culina, National Skills Coalition/Business Leaders United - "The Federal Funding Landscape"
9:05 AM	-	9:20 AM	2026 Innovation Award / Special Session
9:30 AM	-	10:10 AM	T4 - Session - Immersive Deeper Dive into the Federal Funding Landscape - Jeran Culina, NSC/BLU
10:20 AM	-	11:00 AM	T5 - Session - Bringing Workforce Innovation to Life Through Extended Reality (XR)-Immersive Technology; Coulter, BSC
11:10 AM	-	11:50 AM	T6 - Session - Catalyst for Workforce Resilience: Inside the Chemours & WVUP Incumbent Worker Model, Jackson/Wilson
NOON	0	12:20 PM	Lunch / NCATC Annual Business Meeting & NEW Board Directors
12:30 PM	-	1:15 PM	P2 - Moderated Panel - Promising Practices in CTE / Workforce Development - Sinclair, Rock Valley, and Johnson CC
1:30 PM	-	1:45 PM	Load Buses / Tour CAM-T @ Clover Park TC
2:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Technology (CAM-T) Advanced Manufacturing & Clover Park TC - Immersive Sessions w/Strategic Partners & Tour
4:30 PM	-	5:15 PM	SPECIAL: Washington State Chamber Address & Networking (tentative)
5:00 PM	-	5:30 PM	CAM-T @ CPTC Tour Transport Back to Hotel
5:30 PM	-	6:00 PM	NCATC Strategic Partners Leadership Meeting (All Exhibitors & Sponsors Invited)
6:00 PM	-	8:00 PM	DEDICATED NETWORKING - Partner / Exhibitor Time
6:00 PM	-	8:00 PM	President's Reception - Exhibitors & Attendees Reception, Awards, Drawings

Friday, October 02, 2026

8:00 AM	-	8:30 AM	Breakfast & Networking
A collaborative set of expertly facilitated, immersive roundtable experiences designed to exchange success stories, lessons learned, challenges, and practical strategies that can be applied across organizations.			
8:30 AM	-	11:15 AM	R1 - Rotating Roundtable Session - K-12 Focus (Neary, Lead)
8:30 AM	-	11:15 AM	R2 - Rotating Roundtable Session - Federal Funding Landscape (Culina, Lead)
8:30 AM	-	11:15 AM	R3 - Rotating Roundtable Session - Future of Work / CTE (Happel/Cole Jr., Lead)
8:30 AM	-	11:15 AM	R4 - Rotating Roundtable Session - Faculty Recruitment Models (Jackson/Wilson, Leads)
8:30 AM	-	11:15 AM	R5 - Rotating Roundtable Session - AI in Manufacturing (Baldiga/Adams, Leads)
11:30 AM	-	11:45 AM	Box Lunches / Networking / Closing Remarks